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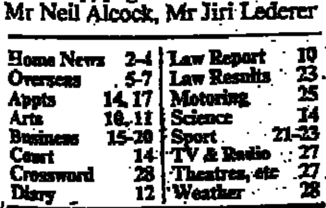
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Hard right's race jeers embarrass ministers

From Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent, Blackpool

Conservative leaders were embarrassed and distressed yesterday by an open display of hard-right views on the issue of immigration and race relations in a Blackpool party conference debate that was littered with boos, jeers, hissing and the eventual ejection of a man who had heckled an Asian speaker repeatedly.

The motion for debate, which, significantly, had been selected initially, by popular ballot of conference representatives, urged the Government to end all further permanent immigration from the Indian *subcontinent, to bolster* voluntary repatriation, and to repeal all race relations legislation. The conference decisively rejected the proposals, but senior mininsters were disturbed last night that what they regard as the uglier expressions of right-wing Toryism should have been so dramatically displayed in front of the television cameras.

Moving the motion, Mr Henry Proctor, the ultra-right MP for Billericay, said: "I believe it to be in the best interests of black and white alike to say that enough is enough".

He received particularly strong applause when he said that the Comission for Racial Equality should be abolished. It was profoundly un-Conservative to believe that hearts and minds could be won over by legislation, and he added: "This is not racialism, it is realism".

But the most graphic scenes of the debate were reserved for the final speaker from the floor, Mr Paul Nischal, aged 40, an estate agent who had contested Birmingham, Small Heath, in the general election in June. Mr Nischal, who came to Britain from New Delhi in 1964, said that the only people now coming into the United Kingdom were dependents and he demanded: "We live in a civilised society. Do you wish to deprive husbands of their loved ones?"

He also asked: "How can you justify this barbarous motion? I am British. We are British."

As he spoke, Mr Nischal was repeatedly heckled by Mr Ian Tuson, of Widnes. Finally, another representative, Mr Robert Martin, of Oxford, West, and Abingdon, stood up and demanded that Mr Tuson should be ejected.

A chant was then started up around the Winter Gardens Hall of: "Out, out, out", and two stewards moved in on Mr Tuson. The chairman of the conference, Mr Patrick Lawrence, said: "If he does not keep quiet I shall ask the stewards to take him out. In this organization we believe in free speech."

He was later escorted from the premises.

Winding up the debate, Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, said that large scale primary immigration had ended long ago, that everyone was equal before the law, and that race relations legislation was designed to bring about equality of opportunity.

He also repudiated the connotations of right-wing demands for repatriation, saying: "This Government is not in the business of telling people who have made their homes here, who perhaps have even become British citizens: 'You are unwelcome. Here is some money. Clear off'."

The minister advised the conference that it would not only be sad and futile if representatives endorsed the motion: "It would be a tragedy if today we appeared to be turning our backs on the fair and just society which we as Conservatives all stand for and have fought for."

Prior rejects the price of tax cuts

From Philip Webster, Political Reporter, Blackpool

Mr James Prior last night added his voice to the growing display of Cabinet dissent over the direction of the Government's economic policy by expressing his opposition to cuts in taxation made at the expense of benefit levels or spending on health, education and social services.

Taking a contradictory line to that proposed by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, in his speech to the Conservative conference on Wednesday, Mr Prior said that the great majority of wage earners appreciated that a proportion of the wealth they created must be used to help the less fortunate. He spoke out against party members who saw cutting public expenditure "not as a hopefully temporary and painful measure but as a moral crusade".

Throughout a speech to the Tory Reform Group in Blackpool, Mr Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, emphasized the link between action against unemployment and the party's prospects of winning the next election. That would in certain circumstances mean spending more money, he said.

Mr Prior said that what a volatile electorate had given the Conservatives, they could equally take away "if we are perceived to have abandoned traditional Tory values".

He added that at the election the public had accepted the present level of unemployment either as a means to an end, a labour shakeout which would be re-absorbed when the economic upturn arrived, or as an enduring feature of society to which they would have to adapt.

"But by the time of the next election the people will expect to see considerable progress, both in reducing the numbers out of work and in tackling the problems associated with unemployment."

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, received the acclain of his Cabinet coleagues yesterday after a strong reaffirmation at the Conservatibe conference of the Government's commitment to the health service, combined with a defence of his policy of manpower cuts.

He was seen as having achieved a notable triumph in receiving a standing ovation after a debate in which the deep worries inside the party over the cuts and their presentation had been on view.

The relief of other ministers at Mr Fowler's reception in potentially the most difficult debate was apparent. It is the issue on which many believe the Government to be most vulnerable to Labour.

Although his speech would not have removed the clearly-expressed doubts about the cuts, it was felt by MPs last night that Mr Fowler had secured his own position with a skilful performance, in which he urged health authorities to direct manpower savings at administration rather than nurses.

He emphasized that the savings for which he had asked, 4,800 posts out of a total of 820,000, was half of 1 per cent. "Frankly it is ludicrous that a reduction of one half of 1 per cent of the staff of the biggest employers in Western Europe marks the end of the health service as we know it."



An Attentive audience at the Conservative Party Conference in Blackpool yesterday for Mr Cecil Parkinson. From left: The Prime Minister, Mr Denis Thatcher, Mr John Selwyn Gummer, and Mrs Ann Parkinson (Photograph: Brian Harris).

Parkinson given a warm reception

From Julian Haviland Political Editor Blackpool

The Conservative Party, in conference at Blackpool, yesterday warmly received its former chairman, Mr Cecil Parkinson, while reserving judgment on his political future.

A hostile reception from the 5,000 representatives would have forced him to leave office, in spite of the Prime Minister's support, and the conference organizers took every caution to prevent it.

Mr Parkinson, whose role as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry was to wind up a debate on free enterprise and industry, was brought on stage with the Prime Minister so that he shared the applause with her.

His wife, Ann, who saw it as her duty to share his ordeal, earned some extra applause for herself, and a welcoming kiss from Mr Denis Thatcher.

There was some booing from the back of the hall when Mr Parkinson was introduced by the chairman, Mr Petr Lane, but the clapping almost drowned it.

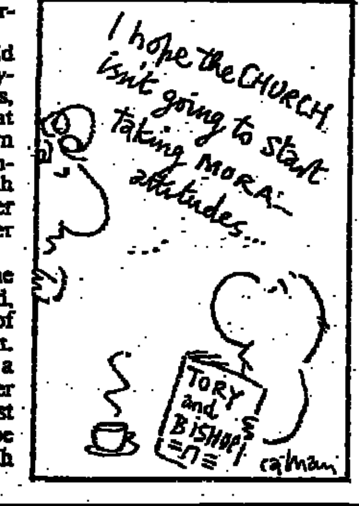
Mr Parkinson's ministerial colleagues were present in unusual strength to support him, with more than half the Cabinet beside and behind him on the platform.

When he sat down they led the applause and slapped him on the back for a brave speech of which the content, on the day, was unimportant. By now there was no booing.

There were groups of representatives who showed disapproval by sitting still and silent. But half the hall rose to the Parkinsons, and most of the rest would have done the same had Mrs Thatcher and the platform party given a lead. A critical moment for the minister and the party had been negotiated.

The belief that he can stay in office is not so widely shared in Blackpool as the hope. The artificiality of the conference setting makes the party's true mood unreadable. All that can safely be reported is that Mr Parkinson yesterday cleared another obstacle.

● **The Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rt Rev John Bickersteth, yesterday criticized the Prime Minister for not accepting Mr Parkinson's resignation after he admitted his affair.**



Turmoil in Israeli Cabinet

Aridor resigns in shekel debacle

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The new Government of Mr Yitzhak Shamir was plunged into political turmoil last night, less than a week after taking office, with the dramatic resignation of Mr Yoram Aridor, the Finance Minister. It came as Israel was enduring the most acute economic crisis in its history.

Mr Aridor's decision to quit followed a storm of protest both inside and outside the Government caused by the publication of a secret and sweeping Treasury plan to link the entire economy to the US dollar, which would eventually have become legal tender.

The so-called dollarization scheme was leaked by the Tel Aviv newspaper, *Yediot Aharonot*, and within hours led to angry calls for Mr Aridor to go. He submitted his resignation shortly before an emergency Cabinet session, the second since the Government was sworn in on Monday.

Under the scheme – worked out behind closed doors – the dollar would have become the basis for the Israeli economy, and gradually replaced the ailing shekel, which was introduced in 1980. One leading Cabinet member, Mr Yitzhak Moda'i, the Energy Minister, dismissed the proposal as "tantamount to changing the national anthem, or the national flag".

After his resignation, the main opposition Labour Party announced that it will press at the earliest opportunity for legislation in the Knesset to bring about an early general election. A simple majority in the 120-seat Parliament is needed to bring polling day forward from 1985.

Bitter hostility to the Aridor scheme came from every side of the political spectrum, and prompted the Labour Party to plan a no-confidence motion in the Government, which has only a narrow majority of 60 votes to 53 in Parliament.

The first coalition supporter to voice criticism was Mrs Geula Cohen, a leading member of the extreme right-wing Techiya party. "I thought it was a joke", she said. "Why not put a picture of Abraham Lincoln on our shekel, and start teaching American histor in our schools. Those responsible lacked any sinsitivity for the values and symbols on which our independnce is based."

After submitting his resignation, and refusing a suggesion that he become Minister without Portfolio, Mr Aridor said that he stood by his scheme – which had been desiged to remedy Israel's near 150 per cent inflation – but saw that there was no chance to implement it.

Already, the dollar is used as an unofficial second currency in Israel, but the new scheme would have taken matters much further linking the Israeli economy more closely to that of the US than any other nation apart from Panama and Liberia, which use the dollar as domestic currency.

Mr Aridor's undignified departure followed the most turbulent week in Israel's economic history, in which the shekel was devalued by 23 per cent, the prices of basic commodities jumped by 50 per cent, and the Stock Exchange remained shut after a wave of panic buying. A plan to reopen it on Sunday, has been scrapped because of the continuing financial uncertainty.

As ministers went grim-faced into the Cabinet office last night, three prominent names were being circulated as possible contenders for Mr Aridor's job.

Detective 'told only to check' Waldorf

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The detective who opened fire on Mr Stephen Waldorf, thinking that he was a dangerous fugitive, was only expected to carry out a reconnaisance, to try to identify Mr Waldorf and report back, his police commander told a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Detective Chief Supt George Ness told the court that Det Constable Peter Finch, aged 38, who is accused with another officer of attempting to murder Mr Waldorf, had broken police rules when he drew his gun, should have given a warning he was an armed officer and taken control of the car in which Mr Waldorf was caught in a traffic jam.

Mr Ness was describing a police operation in west London last January aimed at capturing David Martin who had escaped from custody some weeks earlier. On Wednesday, the jury was told that the police mistoook Mr Waldorf for the fugitive and Constable Finch opened fire on the car.

Yesterday, Mr Ness told the jury: "What I would have expected him to do was to get himself in a position where he could see whether or not it was Martin without putting himself in jeopardy."

The senior detective described how he had brought togetheer a team of officers, including Constable Finch.

Mr Ness said he had considered Martin, who was sentenced to 25 years' *imprisonment* this week, to have a propensity for violence, to have a pathological hatred for authority, particularly those police officers who had arrested him in the past. He believed Martin had access to guns and would not hesitate to use them. His men were briefed of his views.

The detective told the court he had issued a poster of Martin for police stations with the warning: "This man is very dangerous". The poster said that policemen should not take chances because Martin could be assumed to be armed.

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Reed to sell Mirror Group

By Derek Pain City Correspondent

Reed International is to sell Mirror Group Newspapers to investors in the first half of next year.

Sir Alex Jarratt, Reed chairman, said yesterday that the group, which also has packaging and do-it-yourself activities, intends to float shares of Mirror Group Newspapers on the Stock Exchange.

Reed will not retain any financial interest in the national newspaper business and will not have a representative on the board.

"It will be a free-standing publishing group with its own

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board of directors and its own shareholders", he said at Reed's Piccadilly headquarters where, 13 years ago, the group announced the £115m take-over of the IPC publishing group which then embraced MGN.

Reed's extensive range of provincial, trade, women's and specialist publications will not be involved in the share sale.

MGN consists of the *Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror, Sunday People* and *Sporting Life*, based in London and Manchester, and the *Daily Record* and *Sunday Mail* in Glasgow. Their combined circulation was yesterday said to be 34 million copies a week – "and going up".

Labour MPs and party workers will be watching the sale carefully to try to ensure that the *Daily Mirror*, the only

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70 killed in outbreak of Lebanese fighting

From Robert Fisk Beirut

The first definite signs that reconciliation talks might soon begin in Lebanon were overshadowed yesterday by the latest savage outbreak of street fighting in the northern city of Tripoli, which had by last night cost the lives of at least 70 people.

Throughout the day, Muslim militiamen stormed the offices of the Lebanese Communist Party in the city, shooting their way into buildings and murdering most of those who survived the initial assaults. A cloud of black smoke hung over Tripoli as the fighting continued into the evening.

Ironically, the battles in the north are a continuation of the conflict there during the 1975-76 civil war and so the reconciliation talks – which are intended to consolidate the ceasefire in the Chouf mountains above Beirut – can have little immediate effect on the bloodshed around Tripoli.

● **Agenda agreed:** Yesterday on an agenda for the reconciliation talks next week aimed at ending eight years of intermittent civil war (Reuter reports).

A statement after a seven-hour preparatory meeting said: "The committee, after serious and constructive deliberations, reached full agreement on the proposed agenda to be forwarded to the National Dialogue Committee, which will meet on October 20."

The talks, first of the kind since the early days of the civil war, brought representatives of the four belligerents in last month's fighting and of three leading politicians.

Horse tipped to win LSE's stakes

By Richard Evans

The 4,000 students at the London School of Economics face a tough choice next week: should they spend a £10,000 windfall on nursery facilities or on an up-and-coming National Hunt racehorse?

If recent history has anything to do with it, they will make up for an expensive mistake and plump for the well-bred novice hurdler being recommended by Mr Martin Graham, aged 20, who is sports editor of the LSE student newspaper and something of a whizzkid racing tipster.

Only last November he proposed that the LSE should disaffiliate from the National Union of Students and spend part of the £12,000 saving on a horse called Caballo.

He just failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority within the students' union, only to see the horse win two races at Brighton inside ten days, finish second once and third twice in other outings and at least treble in value inside a year.

"Had we bought Caballo we would have made an absolute minimum net profit of £10,000", he said yesterday.

Next Thursday he will propose that the union should make up for its error and invest the £10,000, consisting of a tax rebate and cleaning bill refund, on a horse being trained next door to the Queen's stables at East Ilsley, near Didcot.

"I have had reports from its trainer and I think it is a good blue chip investment", Mr Graham said. "I think it will do well."

His racing tips in a regular column written under the pseudonym "Houghton Street Harry", have included this year's Grand National winner Corbiere.

But his horse buying plan faces stiff opposition from the students' union "establishment", which wants the money to go towards facilities for a recently set up, but under used, children's nursery.

Mr John Donkersley, student union treasurer, is just one official who has threatened to resign if his colleagues decide to indulge in the turf.

"I would rather we looked after babies, than horses", he said. "If we had invested in Baballo last year we would allegedly be rolling in it now, but there is not guarantee that will happen again.

Anti-smoking sponsorship

The Health Education Council is to sponsor sports projects linked to a new anti-smoking campaign. It said yesterday it would sponsor Haringey Athletic Club, north London, and the National Association of Youth Clubs' five-a-side soccer competition which it has renamed the No-Smoking Cup.

Dr David Player, director general, said the council decided to take up the sponsorships because it was determined "to fight fire with fire". Tobacco companies had dominated sport sponsorship for too long, he said.

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Married vicar to be Catholic priest

A Church of England vicar is set to become Britain's first married Roman Catholic priest.

The Rev Patrick Eastman, aged 46, has said he will leave the Anglican Church and become a Roman Catholic priest even though he is married with three grown-up children. He said yesterday he would leave St Nicholas Church in Hedworth, Tyne and Wear, at the end of this month after 13 years.

He will be accepted into the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland before becoming a priest in the Tulsa diocese in the United States.

It is believed that no other married clergyman has been ordained into the Roman Catholic ministry in Britain.

Father Eastman's wife, Maureen, aged 46, is also joining the Roman Catholic Church and going to the United States.

Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, said last month that special arrangements could be made for married clergy converting to the faith. Several married Roman Catholic priests are already understood to be serving in North America.

Accounts lapse criticized

The government Accounts Comission has criticized Glasgow council for failing to impose proper accounting procedures on a development officer it employed on the west coast of the US.

Mr Edward Brodie, who resigned two onths ago, blaming ill-health and admitting he had failed to attract any jobs to Glasgow, spent more than £100,000 of the council's money in 18 months.

Glasgow has been officially rapped by the government's financial "watchdogs" on the way it paid out more than £100,000 to a super salesman.

Three a day died of cold

Deaths from hypothermia during the winter of 1981/82 – the coldest in memory – were 25 per cent up on the winter before according to figures released today.

Statistics given to an Age Concern conference on hypothermia, by Mr Malcolm Wicks, a policy researcher, show that on average three of four people died each day from cold – 646 between October 1981 and March 1982. He calls for more action on insulation and heating costs.

Rent arrears rise to £139m

Rent arrears to local authorities and housing associations in England and Wales have risen from £13m in 1972-73 to £139m in 1981-82, according to a report by the Department of the Environment. The latest figure represents 4.4 per cent of collectable rent.

The worst offenders included single-parent families, large families and households whose head was unemployed. There was little evidence of extravagance as a cause of arrears.

Prior mission to win US funds

The battle to boost Northern Ireland's prospects of winning American investment will intensify later this month when Mr James Prior, the Secretary of State, travels to the United States to encourage businessmen to invest in the province.

He will meet leading politicians, journalists and businessmen at about the same time as a group from the newly formed Northern Ireland partnership is on a similar mission to North America.

Farming award

Sir Henry Plumb, former president of the National Farmers' Union, now leader of the British Conservative group in the European Parliament, has won this year's Massey-Ferguson award for service to UK agriculture, announced yesterday.

MacGregor gives miners warning of smaller wage rises to come

By Tim Jones and Paul Routledge

Miners were urged by Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, yesterday to accept the 5.2 per cent pay offer and warned that offers might be lower in future pay rounds.

Mr MacGregor, who was visiting the South Wales coalfield, said: "Of course I urge them to accept. Having made the offer I am not going to take it back.

"Circumstances might change my generosity. The union is properly concerned for the future of the industry. They know as well as I do that the market is diminishing."

Representatives of the area's 2,000 miners who meet today to discuss the offer seem certain to join other areas in rejecting it. Miners on the morning shift at the Deep Navigation Colliery, which Mr MacGregor was visiting, were adamant that the offer should not be accepted.

Mr MacGregor told South Wales miners that there was no hope of them receiving anything like the £400m investment they have called for. "I do not hold out much hope for that. We have not got that kind of money."

He refused to comment on the miners' fears that their coalfield, which loses more money than any other in Britain, will be reduced drastically from 32 pits as part of its campaign to make the industry profitable.

Mr MacGregor dismissed suggestions of a confrontation with the miners' president Mr Arthur Scargill. "I do not shoot from the hip. When you reach my age (he is 71) you look at the world in a philosophical fashion and you don't fly off the handle".

Mr MacGregor spent two and a half hours underground and travelled 2,000 metres on a train installed three months ago at a cost of £250,000.

The miners are to choose a new general secretary in January after yesterday's official announcement that Mr Lawrence Daly is to retire early.

The election will come as National Union of Mineworkers' leaders search for common ground with NCB on an approach to the Government for a new deal for the industry.

But judged by yesterday's comments from the union, it is unlikely that the two sides can make common cause in the forthcoming talks with Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy. The unions want more subsidies, an end to pit closures and coal imports.

That cuts right across government plans to phase out subsidies and reduce reliance on coal as the main source of electricity.

Mr Daly, aged 58, its to retire early next year because of ill health after a car crash in 1975. His most likely successor is Mr Peter Heathfield, aged 54, left-wing leader of the Derbyshire miners.

Mr Scargill declined to discuss his preference for successor but it is confidently predicted that Mr Heathfield will win the lefts nomination and hence the job. His chief rival is likely to be Mr Ray Chandburn, president of the Nottinghamshire miners who is a moderate.

The executive decided not to make recommendation to the unions's special conference which meets in London next Friday to consider the coal board's "final" 5.2 per cent offer.

Initial coalfield responses to the rises of up to £6.80 a week have been mixed. Some areas, like Lancashire, are in favour, while the traditionally militant coalfields want a settlement more in line with the union's claim for "substantial" increases to restore wages to the post-1974 strike level. That requires a 23 per cent rise.

The coking works at Fishburn, Durham, which employs 250 people will not close, the NCB announced yesterday.

1,500 power workers to lose jobs

By Jonathan Davis

More than 1,500 jobs will be lost in the electricity supply industry next year as a result of the Central Electricity Generating Board's plans to close or "mothball" 11 of its 100 power stations in England and Wales.

Electricity industry unions have been told of the CEGB's plans to close eight mainly coal-fired stations and put another three oil-fired power stations on to standby from next autumn.

The worst affected stations include Brunswick Wharf in east London (closed with the loss of 272 jobs), Carmarthen Bay in South Wales (250 jobs lost), Keadby in Humberside (170 jobs lost), Drakelow in Leicestershire (150 jobs lost), Stourport, near Birmingham (133 jobs lost) and Connah's Quay station in north Wales (124 jobs lost).

● Up to 433 redundancies caused by low orders, were announced yesterday by the Terex earth-moving equipment firm, Newhouse, Lanarkshire.

A company spokesman said: "The redundancy will not be as large should major contracts under negotiation, be successful".

● More than 500 strikers, who defied an ultimatum to return to work were dismissed yesterday, but their employers, Chloride Power Storage, of Salford, Greater Manchester, offered to re-engage any who would accept new contracts

● Indications were strengthening in Belfast last night that the Government-owned shipbuilders Harland and Wolff, will take on the £4m contract for work on the Ministry of Defence's proposed floating harbour for the Falkland Islands which Sunderland Shipbuilders surrendered last Monday because of an unofficial strike.

Value test for defence equipment

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

The largest single customer of British industry, the Ministry of Defence, is seeking better value for money from the £7,000m a year which it spends on equipment.

Its methods of doing so are outlined in a defence open government document published yesterday.

It says that as a result of keeping down personnel costs and reducing overheads the ministry has succeeded in raising the proportion of the defence budget spent on equipment from 35 per cent 10 years ago to more than 45 per cent now, which is among the highest proportions in Nato.

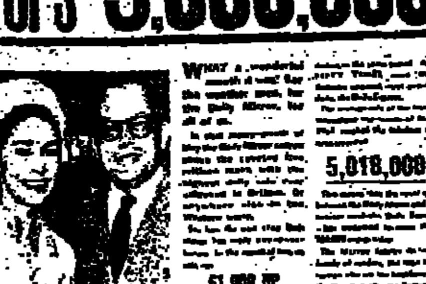
But there are limits to how much further that trend can be taken and it is of paramount importance that everything possible is done to halt the rise in defence equipment costs.

Among the means by which it is seeking to do that are involving industry in discussions at the earliest stages of a project, and by encouraging Industry to avoid late modifications to specifications where there is a good chance that that will improve sales prospects.

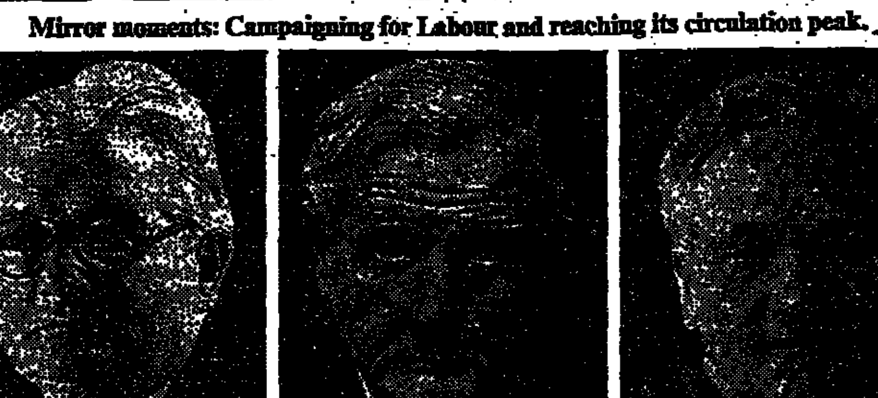
The document says: "Increased stress is being placed on adjusting operational requirements and technical specifications within acceptable limits to make prospective equipment more saleable abroad, thus assisting firms to be less dependent on the ministry for their markets and profits."

In addition the ministry is putting increasing emphasis on securing competitive tendering for contracts.

Value for Money in Defence Equipment Recruitment (Industrial Policy Division, Ministry of Defence, Ms'a Building, Room 2388, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB).



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Mirror moments: Campaigning for Labour and reaching its circulation peak.

Mirror men (left to right): Mr Harry Bartholomew, who set the style; Mr Cecil King, the chairman who was ousted; Lord Cudlipp, refused to comment.

Question mark over future Daily Mirror ownership

By Rupert Morris and Barrie Clement

Yesterday's announcement of the impending sale of Mirror Group Newspapers puts a question over the future of one of the outstanding journalistic enterprises of this century.

The *Daily Mirror* was conceived in 1903 by Alfred Harmsworth, Lord Northcliffe, as "a paper for gentlewomen", written by women. The idea failed and the paper was redesigned within a few months as a popular newspaper with particular emphasis on pictures.

Costing one halfpenny, the *Daily Mirror* rapidly carved a niche for itself, with outstanding news pictures, gimmicks and competitions that were then totally innovatory.

The *Mirror* also established a reputation as a forthright, independent-minded newspaper.

Harry Bartholomew, a clerk's son who rose to become editorial director of the *Daily Mirror* in 1934, was most responsible for setting the paper's hard-hitting style in its heyday. He was anti-establishment on many issues, and was felt by his contemporaries to have a unique gift for being in touch with the feelings of ordinary people.

Under Northcliffe, it was fiercely opposed to Lloyd George; when Edward VIII wanted to marry Mrs Simpson, it supported him in defiance of popular opinion; in 1938 it spoke out against appeasement, although it supported the war effort wholeheartedly.

It clashed with Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, on more than one occasion as a result of the writings of Cassandra, the outstanding columnist of the day, and the cartoons of Philip Zec. In 1945, the *Mirror* backed Labour under Attlee.

Until the reemergence of *The Sun* in 1969 under the ownership of Mr Rupert Murdoch, the *Mirror* had stood out as a popular newspaper that shocked, entertained and sold millions of copies, without losing its integrity.

In recent years, while still able to provide apt headlines, or run a powerful campaign, it has lost some of its verve. It has been perceived, above all, as the Labour Party's last faithful supporter in Fleet Street.

Yesterday, Sir Alex Jarratt, the Reed chairman, insisted that the "traditions and character" of Mirror Group Newspapers would be maintained, and he was looking for an independent chairman, understood to be a Labour businessman. He said that there had been no discussions with the Labour Party over the share sale.

He denied that he had received any approaches from Mr Robert Maxwell, the most widely tipped bidder, or anyone else.

Sir Alex said that Reed had decided to "concentrate its resources in other areas of publishing, both in the United Kingdom and overseas". The group has been extending its provincial newspaper interests in the past few years and is also developing its promotional activities.

Lord Cudlipp, as Hugh Cudlipp one of the *Daily Mirror's* best-known editors, last night refused to comment on the announcement.

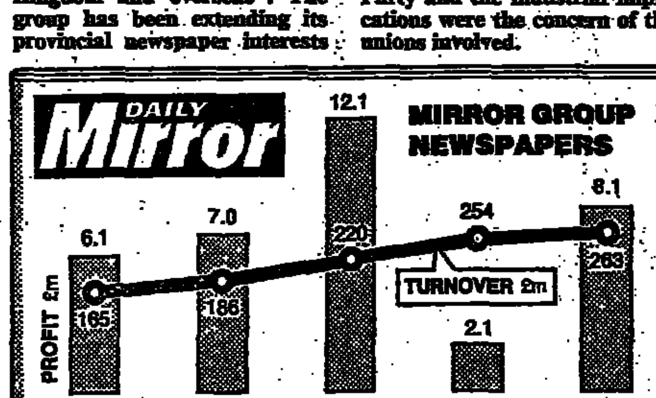
Trade unions were yesterday still digesting the news.

Miss Brenda Dean, president of the print union Sogat '82, said that she would be writing to the Reed board to demand assurances about the editorial independence of the paper and its continued support of the Labour Party.

"The one thing that has angered me about this has been the fact that the company has held a press conference before telling the national representatives of the unions involved", she said.

She added that if there were no guarantees forthcoming, there would be a number of methods the Labour movement could undertake to oppose the sale. "But I am not prepared to divulge any potential action before consulting our members."

The TUC view is yesterday that the political implications should be left to the Labour Party and the industrial implications were the concern of the unions involved.



School coach was speeding inquest told

A coach was exceeding the speed limit shortly beore it crashed into the back of a lorry, killing a teacher and severely injuring 21 children, an inquest heard yesterday.

Mr Malcolm Ham, told Mr Daniel Williams the coroner at the Exeter inquest: "I was driving at 70 mph and it passed me."

Shortly afterwards, Mr Ham, of Weston Super Mare, stopped to help at the crash on the M5 near Cullompton, Devon, on June 6.

Mrs Dalicia Moss, aged 28, of Kendal, Cumbria, a teacher of French, died and 40 children, and four adults were taken to hospital.

The coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Rape-case defendant names politician

By a Staff Reporter

A prominent politician was named in court yesterday as having been photographed in perverted sexual activity, but the judge ruled that the name should not be mentioned until counsel have an opportunity to make submissions on the matter today.

Sir James Miskin, QC, the Recorder of London, told counsel and press at the Central Criminal Court that the name had been "mentioned once in the heat of the moment" during an exchange between the defendant in a rape case, and Mr Stephen Mitchell, the prosecuting counsel.

He made a ruling under the Contempt of Court Act that the name should not be published until he had heard the full legal arguments.

The defendant earlier told the jury that he found "four or five" colour photographs in his wife's jewellery box. "My wife was in every one of them. The well-known person was in two of them. There were three males in at least two of them. Two of the photos were identical. They were of my wife doing poses on the bed.

"I found them just after I came out of prison. I was more concerned with my wife being in the photos, I didn't care who else was in them. But it is these revolting photos that have been behind the fit-ups over the years."

Court attempt to overthrow election results

By Ronald Faux

A petition to have the Penrith and the Border by-election declared null and void because of illegal irregularities has been lodged with the High Court by Lieutenant-commander Eric Morgan, who fought the contest in July and was placed fifth with 150 votes.

It has been served on the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr David Maclean who was the victorious Conservative candidate, the returning officer in Penrith, as well as a reporter on the *Daily Telegraph* and its management.

Lieutenant-commander Morgan, aged 73, a barrister and retired naval officer, has lodged £1,000 with his petition, which will lead to the first election court hearing for 22 years.

Mr Mclean dismissed the allegations as ludicrous.

Rapier claim challenged

By John Witherow

British guns and missiles brought down far fewer Argentine aircraft during the Falklands conflict than claimed by the government, a book published yesterday says.

The authors of *Air War South Atlantic*, After research in Argentina, maintain that the task force's surface-to-air-missiles and guns brought down only 20 aircraft, instead of the 52 claimed in the White Paper published last year.

The authors, Jeffery Ethell and Alfred Price, single out British Aerospace's ground-to-air Rapier and Short Brothers shoulder-fired Blowpipe missiles as claiming far more "kills" than shown by their research.

They say that the Rapier, which has had its foreign sales boosted by the war, in fact shot down only one aircraft instead of the 14 claimed in the White Paper. The Blowpipe brought down two instead of nine.

But they do attribute four kills to "multiple weapons", which would include Rapier and small-arms fire.

The authors also confirm the Government's figures on the Harrier, with 20 Argentine planes destroyed in the air and three others probably downed.

They put the exaggerated claims down to several weapons engaging the same aircraft simultaneously, with each group claiming a "kill".

The Ministry of Defence said last night it stood by the figures in the White Paper on the lessons of the Falklands campaign. An official commented: "These figures were only announced after very careful research by people on the spot. The authors had to rely on Argentinians, and we know that some Argentine relatives had to come to this country to get the names of the war dead."

Air War South Atlantic (Sidgwick and Jackson, £9.95).

Government plan to cut prison population by 4,300

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Government is considering new legislation to help to reduce the prison population by 4,300. That is in addition to the 2,500 expected to be released when parole is more available earlier for shorter sentence prisoners, a move which Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, announced on Tuesday.

Mr Brittan plans to end prison overcrowding by 1990, but that depends partly on keeping out of prison fine defaulters, drunks and mental cases. Another target is petty offenders for whom alternatives to custody may be considered suitable. Prisoners in all those categories total about 4,300.

The legislation would enable community service to be substituted for a fine. The Home Office also proposes to send a circular to magistrates detailing the existing range of alternatives to imprisonment for fine defaulters.

The introduction of more fixed penalties is also being considered and almost all drunks imprisoned are there for fine defaulting, the Home Office is discussing with police the greater use of cautioning.

The Government plans to bring into force provisions of the Mental Health Act 1982 to enable courts to remand to psychiatric hospitals, make interim hospital orders and to require reports from regional health authorities on facilities.

There have been repeated complaints of hospitals not accepting offenders who have to be held in prison instead.

Mr Bill Beaumont, chairman of the National Association of Probation Officers, said at its annual conference yesterday that Mr Brittan was under "relentless pressure from his own party to be tough and resolute in his approach".

● Five prisoners, two of them convicted murderers serving life sentences, claimed in the High Court in London yesterday they had been wrongly refused legal representation when they appeared before prison visitors on disciplinary charges

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC, for three of the men, told Lord Justice Kerr and Mr Justice Webster: "Legal guidance is desperately needed by Boards of Visitors in the interpretation of rules governing prisoners".

The five are asking the Queen's Bench Divisional Court for orders and injunctions requiring the Boards of Visitors at the Isle of Wight Albany Prison and London's Wormwood Scrubs to quash penalties already imposed and preventing further hearing hearings taking place without lawyers being present.

The applications are opposed by the Home Office which maintains that the Prison rules and regulations do not allow a prisoner legal representation.

Mr Sedly also said a similar case on prisoners' rights was now before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. If it found in favour of the prisoners, that decision would supersede any made by the High Court, the Court of Appeal or the House of Lords.

The hearing continues today.

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Jury urges javelin safety code

From Our Correspondent Liverpool

A schoolgirl shouted a warning as the javelin she had thrown hurtled towards a friend, an inquest heard yesterday. But the call came too late to save Samantha Atherton, aged 13.

The javelin pierced her skull, causing severe brain damage and she died in hospital four days later.

Samantha had volunteered to mark up the length of javelin throws during her school's sports day.

In a statement, her friend, also aged 13, said: "The javelin travelled to the right of the boundary line and was heading for Sammmy. I shouted 'Sammy'. She seemed to see the javelin late, she pulled her head to one side but the javelin hit her.

"Sammy just staggered forward then fell over. I could see blood coming from her face. My throw went off line, it was a complete accident".

The inquest in Liverpool had been told that Samantha, who was felled as she stood just outside the landing area, should not have been a marker.

In a statement read to the court, a spokesman for the Women's Amateur Athletics Association said only officials with at least six years experience should do the job.

The event, at Wirral Grammar School, in Bebington, was run voluntarily by an English and a History teacher who had no sports training.

The school's head of physical education, Miss Janette Young, had told the hearing that it was a mistake to let Samantha measure the distances. "Had I been told that a 13-year-old girl had been used in this way, I would not have allowed it."

The jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure and recommended four safety guidelines.

Pupils should be kept behind the throwing line.

The Merseyside coroner, Mr Roy Barter, is circulating the transcript and recommendations to education chiefs in the country, the Amateur Athletics Association and the English Schools' Athletics Association.

Afterwards, Samantha's parents, Mr Ian Atherton and his wife Yvonne, from Eastham, said that they were considering taking legal action against Wirral Education authority.

Baby death criticism by judge

Social workers were criticized by a judge yesterday for failing to take action which might have saved a baby girl from being killed by her father.

Judge Lymbery, QC, said at the Central Criminal Court that they had been warned repeatedly both by a health visitor and by the man himself that he had become violent towards the child, aged four months.

But nothing positive was done and last March David Chapman drowned Michele Broster in her bath when she would not stop screaming. He put the body in a cardboard box and dumped it on a rubbish tip. It was burnt in an incinerator.

Yesterday Chapman, aged 32, of Matthias Road, Stoke Newington, London, was jailed for life for murdering the baby and preventing her burial. The child's mother, Linda Broster, aged 20, described as mentally subnormal, pleaded guilty to preventing the burial and was remanded on bail to be sentenced later.

A jury found Chapman guilty of murder by a majority of ten to two. The prosecution had rejected his plea of guilty to manslaughter.

The judge said social workers in Islington had been alerted to the danger to the baby both by a health visitor, Miss Judith Bracewell, and by Chapman.

A neighbour and Miss Bracewell had both been "tremendously supportive" to the family. "But sadly there does not seem to have been the same degree of support from the other quarters, which, if it had been there, may have averted this tragedy", the judge said.

Welcome for upland farms aid

By John Young

The announcement by Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, at the Conservative Party conference that more money is to be made available for upland farmers is likely to prove about the most popular thing he has done since taking office.

There is widespread agreement that it is in the national interest to prevent further depopulation of the hill and mountain regions of Scotland, Wales, and northern and southwest England.

Large parts of them are classed by the EEC as less favoured areas and thus available for special aid from the Community. Proposals to increase the amount of assistance were recently agreed by the European Commission, and are expected to be ratified shortly by the European Parliament.

However, EEC funding is conditional upon a parallel commitment from national governments, and it appears that this is what Mr Jopling is now promising.

Earlier this year the Countryside Commission invited submissions from a wide range of bodies on how best to reinvigorate the upland economies.

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Detective describes how he shot Waldorf, convinced he was Martin

A detective described yesterday how he opened fire on a film editor during a police ambush in London in the mistaken belief that he was firing at David Martin, an escaped prisoner.

Det Constable John Deane described the events when Mr Stephen Waldorf was shot five times and seriously wounded as he sat in a yellow Mini in a traffic jam in Pembroke Road, Earls Court, west London, on January 14.

In a statement, read to the jury at the Central Criminal Court in the trial of Det Constable Peter Finch and Det Constable John Jardine, who have denied attempting to murder Mr Waldorf, aged 26, Constable Deane said that he had been part of a surveillance team in the area.

He was stationary in his van in Pembroke Road when he saw Constable Finch walking along the pavement. "I noticed he had his gun in his right hand at arm's length, pointing towards the ground. Shortly after, I heard a shot ring out. I got out of our vehicle and heard more shots.

"I drew my gun and rushed to the Mini. I saw Det Constable Finch firing into the nearside door window. I was convinced the male passenger inside was Martin. I was also convinced he was firing at DC Finch."

"I got within two feet or so of the Mini, then fired as quickly as possible.

"When I finished, he was still upright and moving about. I was still convinced I was shooting at David Martin", the statement said.

Constable Jardine, aged 38, of Dawlish Drive, Pinner, Middlesex, and Constalbe Finch, aged 38, of Malvern Way, Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, have both denied the attempted murder and wounding of Mr Waldorf with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm. Constable Finch has also denied a third charge he alone faces of causing grievous bodily harm with intent.


Miss Lamprill: Went to Mr Waldorf's aid

After Mr Waldorf was shot, the prosecution alleges that he was "pistol-whipped" by Constable Finch with the butt of his empty pistol.

David Martin, for whom Mr Waldorf was mistaken, was jailed for 25 years at the Central Criminal Court on Tuesday after being convicted of charges which included shooting and wounding a policeman.

Mr George Carter, a company director from Worcester Park, Surrey, said that he was driving a van which was stationary behind the Mini containing Mr Waldorf, Mr Purdey and Miss Stephens, a friend of David Martin.

Mr Carter was one of several witnesses to the shooting.

Mr Carter said his van radio was switched on, but if anyone had shouted "armed police" he would have heard.

In a statement read to the court on Wednesday by the Attorney General Sir Michael Havers, QC, for the prosecution, Constable Finch is alleged to have said that he did shout "armed police". Sir Michael said also that Constable Deane had not been prosecuted because he had made a genuine mistake.

Mr Carter said he saw the man who was being shot in the Mini trying to get out of the driver's side of the car with his arms in the air.

Mr David Still, a passenger in Mr Carter's van, said that saw the shooting and Mr Waldorf being hit several times with a pistol.

Miss Jane Lamprill, a state-registered nurse, who at the time lived in Pembroke Road, said she heard shots and saw a man lying in the road, obviously injured. She went to his assistance, and later accompanied him to hospital.

Det Chief Supt George Ness, who led a team of police hunting David Martin, said in evidence that Martin was a very dangerous and desperate man who had a knowledge of firearms and was prepared to use then against anyone who got in his way.

Mr Ness said that his instructions to the surveillance team had been that "if faced with an arrest in the open my officers would be the ones to arrest him. I said an arrest in the open was to be avoided if possible. I stressed this."

Mr Ness said that for Constable Finch to have drawn his gun when he did was not in accordance with standing orders.

Mr Ness said: "What I would expect him to do is to put himself in the position of seeing whether it was Martin in the car, without putting himself in jeopardy and then come back to tell me."

Mr Ness said that it might not have been easy for Constable Finch, but he did not know whether it would have been impossible.

The trial was adjourned until today.

Pen pals: The three winners of the Post Office's Letters to a Secret Friend competition were given their £250 prizes yesterday by Keith Chegwin, the television presenter (above). From the top: John Goodier, aged 14, from Wirral, Merseyside; Jason Davies, aged 12, from Aberystwyth; and Mark Trevithick, aged eight, from Camelford, Cornwall. (Photograph: John Manning).

Salvation Army backs petition on under-age pill

A nationwide petition supporting the campaign to prevent doctors being allowed to give contraceptives to girls under 16 without parental knowledge has received the backing of the Salvation Army.

Captain Shaw Clifton, the army's legal secretary, said yesterday that after his department had examined the petition, which urges the Home Secretary to recommend to the Commons that parents should have statutory right to consultation in such cases, it decided to throw its weight behind it.

The 1,000 citadels throughout the United Kingdom have been put at the disposal of Mrs Victoria Gillick, whose attempt to stop the Department of Health and Social Security advising doctors that parental consent was not needed in giving contraceptives to under-age children, was rejected by the High Court in July.

The petition, which has between 250,000 and 500,000 signatures, is being organized on a parliamentary constituency basis so that when complete it will be presented to the Commons by more than 400 MPs.

A spokesman at the Commons said he had not heard of so many MP each presenting a petition and to spread the effect three Fridays were being set aside, starting on November 28.

When the Salvation Army heard of the petition and campaign it agreed to give it its backing.

"We decided we would lend our moral support because we thought what was being asked was reasonable and right in principle", Captain Clifton said. "We also decided to give our practical help in getting the petition distributed as widely as possible and so our 1,000 citadels have been made available to Mrs Gillick as centres from where they can be distributed and collected."

He said that it was the Salvation Army in 1885 which had been responsible for the age of consent being raised from 13 to 16.

Mrs Gillick, who lives with her husband Gordon, five daughters and five sons in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, was last night delighted to learn of the army's support. "We could not have a better way of organizing the petition, or better people to work with."

She expected that the Home Secretary's response would be to say that he could do nothing as her appeal against the High Court ruling was likely to be heard in the spring and the matter was therefore sub judice.

Straw disposal ideas

A competition to find new ways of breaking down straw, either mechanically of chemically, to allow its ready absorbtion into the soil is to be organized by the Long Sutton Agricultural Society and the Lands Improvement Group (Our Agricultural Correspondent writes).

The competition is in response to the growing certainty that straw burning will, within the next two or three years, either be banned outright or subjected to more rigorous controls.

Despite the recent proliferation of ideas for using the millions of tonnes of surplus straw produced each year, as fuel, animal feed or industrial raw material, farmers remain unconvinced of the economics of collecting and bailing it.

Electronics for children

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

A revolutionary series of radio programmes designed to increase school children's knowledge of electronics is in the final stages of completion by the BBC, which will begin broadcasting them in the spring.

Children up to the age of nine years will be encouraged in teh "Junior Electronics" course to build electronic circuits using a specially designed circuit board and kit which needs no soldering. The five 20-minute weekly radio broadcasts are meant to be recorded and replayed in the classroom. The kits are to be made available by the BBC for about £5.

Secondary schools have had a board designed for them too, so that complicated electronic circuits can be built and understood by most pupils between 14 and 16 years old. The course called "Microtechnology" will help those taking O levels in electronics about 2,500 took the exam this year in only its second setting – but the course has been designed to be within the scope of less academically inclined pupils.

Car running costs top £1,000 a year

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

The average cost of running a car has now reached an all-time high of £1,007 a year, of which more than half is spent on petrol.

Reporting this yesterday in its latest survey of motoring expenditure, the Automobile Association's *Drive and Trail* magazine said service and repair costs had doubled since June 1982. It suggested, however, that this sharp increase could be due in part to false maintenance economies made by motorists earlier in the year.

Japanese cars were found to be cheaper to maintain than European cars in the first three years of their life, but more expensive after that.

Owners of the Ford Escort 1300 spent least on running costs, at 7.8p a mile compared with 8.5p for the second-placed Austin Metro. The best foreign make was Toyota, at 10.7p.

The budget-conscious motorist's practice of buying a new small-engine car and keeping it for three years appears to be a costly mistake. The survey indicates that cars of bellow 1050cc are cheap to service and repair for the first two years but increase by 300 per cent in the third year from 0.7p per mile to 3p per mile.

The AA admits that its survey does not include the cost of depreciation, which can add £600 a year. It suggests, however, that more people should consider running a 10-year-old "banger".

On the basis of its own experience with five "bangers" the AA says: "If you buy an old crock and scrap it a year later, the likelihood is that you will still be better off than those running younger models of the the same engine size. Keep your pre-1974 car running for longer than a year and you will be laughing all the way to the bank."

The AA took the average price of a new car in each of the five main engine sizes, calculated their annual depreciation and added the cost of servicing and repairs to give the cost of ownership for up to four years.

It found that in all five engine categories "the best option was to run an old faithful for four years and then scrap it". Any profit made by selling instead of scrapping was regarded as and unexpected bonus.

HOW IT'S CHEAPER TO RUN A 'BANGER'

Comparison of best ways of running old and newer cars

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1551-1750cc	£390	£281	£2958 (3 yrs old)	£455
1751cc and over	£450	£278	£3150 (3 yrs old)	£476

(1) Inc purchase price (2) Inc depreciation Source: AA

Action 'cost solicitor £100,000'

The legal argument over the £198,000 solicitor's bill sent to a client by Mr Glanville Davies has already cost the lawer about £100,000, a High Court judge was told yesterday.

The Welsh solicitor could face a further demand for more than £50,000 if he loses his High Court costs battle with the wronged client, Mr Leslie Parsons, who has applied to have him struck off.

Mr Davies, aged 60, of Queen Victoria Road, Llanelli, Dyfed, has admitted that his handling of the £198,000 bill submitted to Mr Parsons, managing director of a pickling factory, amounted to "gross and persistent misconduct". The bill was eventually cut to £67,000 by a High Court costing official.

But Mr Davies had, at earlier High Court proceedings, sought to defend the bill. The "punishing costs" of that action were about £100,000, Mr Michael Turner, QC, his counsel, told the court yesterday.

Mr Justice Vinelott said he would "not have regard to wounds that were self-inflicted".

He reserved judgement

Less beef and more chicken on home menus

The British are eating on average 17 per cent less beef at home than four years ago, according to a survey published yesterday (John Young, Agricultural Correspondent writes).

Consumption of pork and lamb is also down, while that of poultry is up by 12 per cent, the survey, compiled by a market research firm, Taylor Nelson, says.

● Reduction in salt consumption to a half or a quarter of current average intake is recommended in a new report by the National Advisory Committee on Health and Nutrition Education.

Wife ignored by 'Victorian' husband

Mr Derek Allen believed his wife Mary should do as she was told. In 29 years of marriage he never asked her opinion, a divorce court judge said yesterday.

Mr Allen, a dentist, always forgot her birthday and their wedding anniversary and never took her or their six children on holiday, or even a day's outing.

He also believed that if she lived at home it was her duty to provide the housekeeping, Sir John Arnold, president of the High Court family division, said.

Mr Allen, aged 60, who still lives in their "ramshackle" 20-room house in 15 acres of grounds, New Lodge in Bank Mill Lane, Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, denied that the marriage had broken down.

The judge said that Mr Allen had told him the door was always open to his wife, but asked if he would show her some affection if she came back, he had said: "I can't prophesy that. It would have to be earned".

Sir John said that it was not surprising that Mrs Allen, aged 52, walked out in June, 1981.

Mr Allen had said that the reason he did not communicate was "because he did not think it was worth doing so. He did not think her opinion on anything to do with this marriage was worth taking into account."

He rarely talked to her, and if she wanted to tell him about anything she would be met by a grunt as he watched television or read a newspaper, the judge said.

Mr Allen believed that there was no justification for taking the family on holiday when they lived in the country. "They had fresh air and the opportunity of keeping animals as pets." He also said that it was not practical to leave their cats, dogs, chickens, rabbits and goat.

Mrs Allen, of Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, also complained that her husband spent no money on the house, and the roof leaked badly. She was kept so short of money, that she had three part-time jobs.

The judge granted Mrs Allen a decree nisi because of her husband's unreasonable behaviour.

Mrs Allen said afterwards: "I had to wait until the children were grown up before I left. But he was so mean, he even gave me an engagement ring that belonged to his first wife. The only presents I ever got were a potato peeler and a hair dryer.

"He had a Victorian attitude that he was the head of the household, and what he said, went. We met when I went to work at his surgery, and I just accepted things the way they were."

Mr Allen said afterwards: "I would still have her back. They say better the devil you know than the one you don't. I never expected much from marriage or life in general I can't say I have been disappointed.

"I believe the faimily is like a ship, or a firm, or the army. You have got to have a captain or a managing director. I saw myself as the captain.

"I felt if I was paying the bills I was entitled to call the tune, and I had vastly more experience."

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We will legislate on levy if TUC plan does not satisfy us – Tebbit

In expressing his determination to make the reforms of the trade unions that he had outlined, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, urged those who called for greater speed to look at what had already been accomplished *and what was already in* train.

He was speaking at the Conservative party conference in Blackpool yesterday *in the debate on industrial* relations.

He ad his predecessor, Mr James Prior, had pursued a step by step approach: indeed they had tiptoed through the political minefield so far withour treading on a mine. The 1984 Act would take them further, on schedule, as promised. It would be a far-reaching measure and like that famous brand of lager, it would refresh the places that other Acts could not even reach.

Legislation would give trade unionists secret ballots to elect their leaders. Industrial action called without a ballot would carry no legal *immunity and there would have to* be ballots over political funds and the right for trade unionists to choose whether to pay the political levy.

On the levy, Mr Tebbit said that the TUC would come to see him shortly and he hoped they would bring firm porposals to accomplish choice and guaranteed enforcement procedures. If they could not satisfy him on procedure and the guarantee then he would have no choice but to *ask Parliament to legislate instead.*

The debate was opened by Mr **John Derrick**, Rother Valley, who moved a motion welcoming the Government's commitment to transfer powers away from trade union leaders and back to union members and called on trade unionists to speak up against the links between their unions and the Labour Party, "fostered by unrepresentative political caucus".

Mr Derrick said that it would have been better if the unions were prepared to carry out reforms

Reports from Alan Wood, Robert Morgan, Gordon Wellman, Howard Underwood and Barbara Day

without legislation, but waiting for the likes of Moss Evans to do so was like waiting for Arthur Scargill to talk some sense. It just would not *happen* (applause).

If the unions wanted to retain legal immunities it was only fair to ask them to conduct themselves in *such a* way that the union members controlled the union bosses, and not the other way around (applause).

Those union leaders who opposed *reform* feared it. Their motives were all too similar to the motives of those in Poland and elsewhere behind the Iron Curtain who opposed secret ballots. It was no coincidence that Arthur Scargill, president for life of his union, had said that he opposed Solidarity.

He said: "Given the chance, he's *the* sort of man who *would* have given Stalin the benefit of the doubt" (applause). He called for an outright ban on the practice of having to contract out of the political levy.

Mr **Alan Paul**, vice-chairman of Conservative Trade Unioinsts, said that he supported the motion. Trade union leaders put about the fairy story that they fully represented their members.

Individuals had taken their trade unions before the certification officer and forced them to repay into the general fund from the poitical fund. The National Union *of Mineworkers had to pay* back £72,000 and the Associaiton of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS) had to pay more than £40,000. But the individuals needed help from the Secretary of State.

Mr Paul said that he was a member of the National and Local Government Officers' Association and he believed the union had acted in a political way earlier this year when it spent more than £1m on a publicity campaign. But he could only test *the issue before the courts* which he could not afford to do.

Mr **Henry Shaw**, Erewash, said that the only way members could control their unions was by being active. No legislation would keep out the Reds if ordinary trade unionists were too idle to attend branch meetings and vote in postal ballots.

Mr **Brian Clark**, leader of Harrow borough council, said that he had long argued against political unions. They were political vehicles for the union barons whose prime objective was not to serve their members' interests but to take political prisoners for the Labour Party.

One of those prisoners, Loudon Parkin, became unhappy after joining ASTMS about some of the things that union did. He went to the certification officer to query a £2,000 donation to Mr James Callaghan for research, a *£43,000* investment in the purchase of Labour Party headquarters in Walworth Road and the transfer of *more than* £20,000 *from the general* to the political fund.

The officer ruled in his favour on those points, so ASTMS took him to court. *Loudon won at the Employ*ment Appeals Tribunal, but the costs were several thousand pounds. The union, backed by the funds of other unions, which had indulged in similar practices, was likely to go to the Court of Appeal and possibly th House of Lords.

Was it right that an individual political prisoner should have to put his home at risk to get justice? Justice was being denied by ASTMS, the very body that existed to benefit *its* members. The Secretary of State should in his legislation attend to such matters as independent audits, availability of information and a trade union ombudsman with teeth.

Tories are a party of trade unionists, minister says

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, replying to the debate on industrial relations, began by assuring the conference : "We are a party of trade unionists these days".

When the TUC changed its mind and agreed to discuss the reforms which would be embodied in the Bill he would present Parliament later this month he welcomed that decision. "But when they say they want me to abandon not only this bill but all other reforms as a precondition of an open agenda on union reform I have to say: 'Where have you been these last two years? how can you *claim to be in touch with your members* when time and time again they repudiate you'."

He pointed out that six out of ten trade union members for parties proposing reforms of the kind he proposed. In the real world most trade unionists were not Labour supporters. In the real world trade unionists wanted the right to elect their leaders.

Industrial relations reform, he recaled, had been seen as a political minefield. But Mr James Prior, the previous Secretary of State for *Employment, and he had pursued a step by step* approach.

"We have tiptoed through the minefiedl, so far witout treading on a mine. Indeed the only casualties so far have been on the *TUC* side. They have been left hanging on the barbed wire of their own defences."

The legislation giving trades unionists a legal guarantee of their right to free, fair and secret ballots to elect their leaders would be flexibly drawn. Representative leaders would be less *likely to call strikes against the members' wishes* and if industrial action was called without a ballot the funds of the unions would be at risk.

In future no union would be able lawfully to maintain a political fund without having obtained the agreement of its members in a secret ballot during the preceeding 10 years. Every trade unionist should also have a free, unfettered, fair, informed choice of whether he or she should or should not pay the levy.

He was accused of wanting to destroy the Labour Party by cutting off its funds but why on earth should he trouble to do that when the leadership was destroying its own party? The issue was not the Labour Party, but the rights of the ordinary trade unionist and those rights given under the 1913 Act were being denied him.

The reforms were needed not only to give trade unionists the right. They had their part to play in restoring the economy.

Gradually they were winning the fight against unemployment. The growth was abating and the flow of new jobs increasing. How much more quickly the struggle could be won if union leaders would abandon their politicking, abandon their struggle against democratic reforms which their members wanted, and instead dedicated themselves to the success of British industry and commerce.

It was time union leaders stopped supporting the tiny minority of Trotskyite moles who wanted to stop the production lines at Cowley and *supported all those, including the management,* that wanted to keep them going.

He was determined that the reforms would be made because he was determined that the leadership of the trade unions should properly represent the interests of their members and, in so doing, help in the task of bringing jobs to the unemployed.

Mr Tebbit received a standing ovation and the motion was carried.

Mr Norman Tebbit: "Most union members do not vote Labour".



One more cut: **The Prime Minister examining the cake at Blackpool yesterday, her fifty-eighth birthday (Photographs: Brian Harris).**

Immigrants crackdown rejected

After a stormy, emotional debate the conference decisively rejected a motion urging the Government to end all further permanent immigration from the New Commonwealth and Pakistan, increase financial provision or voluntary repatriation and repeal all race relations legislation.

Mr **David Waddington**, Minister of State, Home Office, said the policies advocated in the motion were *incapable of execution* and everyone knew it full well. It would be a tragedy if they appeared to be turning their backs on the fair and just society that Conservatives stood for and had fought for.

The Government was not in the business of telling people who had made their homes here or had even become British citizens: "You are unwelcome. Here is some money. Clear off."

The supporters of the motion, moved by Mr Harvey Proctor, MP for Billercay, would have to brush aside the fact that almost half of all the people of New Commonwealth origin living in the country were born here.

"They are British. Are these included among those whom the mover of the resolution *wants to go* home?" Mr Waddington asked.

Loud cheering and booing greeted Mr Proctor when he opened the *heated debate* on immigration and race relations.

He was moving a motion for Billericay Conservative Political Centre urging the Government to end all further permanent immigration from the New Commonwealth and Pakistan, to increase the financial and material provision for voluntary repatriation and resettlement, and to repeal all race relations legislation so that all UK citizens were equal before the law.

Mr Proctor said that he was honoured to propose the motion. It was a credit to the conference that it was prepared to discuss immigration and its consequences of strains and stresses, particularly in the inner cities and urban conurbations. When some would have *them remain silent* (applause).

In 1970, the party manifesto rightly pledged there would be no further large-scale, permanent immigration from the New Commonwealth. Since then, more than half a million New Commonwealth and Pakistan people had been accepted for permanent settlement in Britain.

Mr **Waddington**, replying, said great numbers of immigrants put their faith in the Conservative party at the *last* election. Labour's was a bizaire story of broken promises and fumbling futility which it was hard to credit. How sad it would be if Conservatives made themselves look as futile.

'Give people a stake in their workplace'

The Conservative party duly welcomed the man in the news, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who accompanied by the Prime Minister and his wife, Ann Parkinson, received a standing ovation from a large majority of the representatives when he went to the platform and likewise at the end of his speech.

As he replied to the debate on free enterprise and industry, Mr Parkinson said that they must launch a *drive to make Britain* a democracy in which people not only owned their own home but had a stake in the business in which they worked.

It would be done by spreading and encouraging self-employment, encouraging new business and enabling people to buy a share in nationalized industries as they were sold back to the public. In the case of British Telecom he intended that every subscriber and employee should have that opportunity.

Mr **Hamish MacKenzie**, Esher, opened the debate by moving a motion, which said that the conference was "keen to see the present Government's second term of office remembered as a period in which consumers, employees, investors and taxpayers all gained lasting *benefits from the continued decisive* reductions in state ownership of industry and in public sector monopolies. It would therefore support a programme of vigorous action."

Mr MacKenzie said that the Government has pointed the way by taking radical measures. It could not rest there. If its highest aspirations were to be realized it would have to take in the second term of office measures, which were no less radical.

Mrs **Ena Swallow**, Halifax, in a plea for small shopkeepers, of whom she is one, said: "We are being strangled but we have to soldier on. We cannot put in for a pay rise."

Mr **Paul Johnston**, Leigh, opposed the motion because, he said, it took no acount *of one of* the most pressing problems facing firms, the way in which the activities of socialist controlled local *authorities were stifling enterprise.*

Mr **Parkinson** said: "I am here today as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. But before that I had two very happy years as chairman of the party organization. There are literally hundreds of people to whom I owe my thanks, but this is not the time to mention individuals. *But* may I just *thank all* my colleagues and friends for their support during that period. "My wife Ann joins me in these thanks *and I add my thanks to her"* (loud applause).

Referring to when the Prime Minister appointed him as minister for Trade four years ago, just after the winter of discontent, he said he toured the world promoting British trade and had the alarming experience of finding out at first hand just how low the national stock had fallen.

In 1976 Britain had the unenviable distinction of being the biggest borrower in the history of the International Monetary Fund. Now Britain's role was reversed.

The Government was restoring nationalized industries to viability. British Leyland in 1979 produced six cars employee year. Four years later it was 14 cars, a tremendous *improvement.*

Four years ago the steel industry had the worst productivity in Europe. Today British Steel was as efficient as the best in Europe.

BT was at last going to be answerable to its shareholders, bank manager and customers. Nothing was being lost.

Small businesses were the brightest hope for the future and over the last three years there had been a net increase of more than 20,000 small firms.

It was in no small measure due to Conservative governments that more than 60 per cent of people lived in their own homes. "Now we must launch our second drive to make Britain a democracy in which people not only own their own homes but have a stake in the business in which they work."

He added: "First, home ownership: now job and company *ownership. This is the second great* barrier against socialism. We have transformed the attitude to home ownership. Now we must transform *the* attitude *to private enterprise.* That is what we are after."

The motion was carried unanimously.

Motorways 'our priority'

Mr **Tom King King**, Secretary of State for Transport, speaking during the transport debate, emphasized the priority the Government was giving to motorway building and repairing.

Cones on motorway diversions, annoying though they might be, were witness to the Government's determination to stop the deterioration of road surfaces.

On the railways, Mr King said he would be setting out in Parliament shortly his policy for the years ahead.

The conference carried a motion welcoming the steps taken by the Government to provide a greater variety of transport opportunities and urging it to encourage greater productivity *and* efficiency *in all* sectors of transport.

Europe's farm policy 'obese'

The British Government would continue to press the EEC Commission to put its agricultural house in order, Mr Michael Jopling, the Minister *of* Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said when replying to a debate on the farming industry. He made it clear that the *Government* was far from happy with proposals on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

Mr Jopling said that only Britain and West Germany were net contributors to the EEC budget and he would like to see more states hesitate before voting for more expensive proposals.

***There** was an urgent need to* **reorganize things in the common agricultural policy to tackle the surpluses. This was essential if there was to be a prudent and realistic agricultural policy. The CAP had *grown obese and needed to* be slimmed.**

The immediate areas of concern were milk, cereals, wine and a number of other Mediterranean commodities. Here they had to use the fundamental devices *of* price discipline linked to the commission's own guarantee thresholds, extended as necessary to other problem areas.

That was the best way to tackle the problem. There was some support for the commission's proposed "superlevy" for milk. It was a poor substitute for a realistic price level and could easily become a device to favour small, *inefficient* farmers. *It* was not for the CAP market regime either to penalize large-scale, efficient farmers as they were proposing or to subsidize their small, inefficient counterparts. If individual states wanted to do that, *it should* be done through controlled, nationally based funds. "We shall continue to press the commission to put the house in order", he said. "Especially, we shall resist some of the easy options *the commission* have proposed, many of which add up to a package which discriminates against UK interests.

"They have made attacks on our beef and sheepmeat premia and the butter subsidy. The attack is ill-conceived, particularly because those aids helps consumers and reduce the need for intervention buying.

"During these difficult negotiations we have two separate *aims. First to organize* the market regimes of the CAP and the financial system of the community so that the cost of *the CAP rises* slower than the income of the community. Second, to ensure that the package which is finally worked out is one where Britain is not treated unfairly."

Mr Joplin announced that *farmers in marginal areas* were likely to get increased government aid. The Goverment was asking the Council of Ministers to agree to a commission proposal that the less favoured areas should be extended.

***In a brief reference to the* horticultural industry, Mr Joplin said that he was glad to see the end of the unfair gas subsidy provided by the Dutch Government to its glasshouse sector.**

***Earlier, Mr Alistair* Gammell, Mid-Bedfordshire, moved a motion later carried. Urging the Government to have proper regard for the future of the British livestock, horticultural and glasshouse sectors.**

Mrs Angela Clarke, Wight and East Hampshire, moved an addendum, also carried, noting the public dissent at surpluses. One question was the sale of dairy products to the Soviet Union at a price below that the British consumer had to pay.



Mr Jopling: "Government unhappy with CAP".

NHS cuts 'must be aimed at managers'

In seeking savings of 4,800 posts out of a total in the National Health Service (NHS) of 820,000, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, emphasized that he would like to see these directed at the administrative tail of the service and not concentrated on the nurses.

It would be the Government's aim to achieve a better managed health service.

Mr Fowler, who received a standing ovation, said that the Government remained absolutely committed to the health service spending on which, over the last four years, had increased from £7,750m to £15,500m. The aim was to help the service meet the greater pressures of demand that lay ahead.

Changes, not aimed at destroying the service, included cutting out waste and reducing the drugs bill, opening up hospital ancillary services to competition and promoting partnership between the NHS and the private sector.

The short-sighted attitude of the Labour Party and certain health unions to the contribution made by the private sector to health care was condemned by Mr Philip Grimmer when he opened the debate on health.

On behalf of the Newport West Conservative Association, he moved a motion welcoming the Government's reaffirmation of its commitment to the NHS and emphasizing its central role in partnership with other providers of health care.

Those, like him, who worked in and with the health service knew they were not running the service anything like as efficiently as they could. They were saddled with rife bureaucracy. Only the Government could take the necessary resolute action to impose control at the top of health authorities by the appointment of a supremo to *arbitrate, veto and exercise final* judgment (applause).

Mr Fowler was applauded when he said: "Not only is the health service safe with us, but it is infinitely safer than it would be under any of the policies put forward by the Labour Party".

He asked by what right and record did socialists claim their monopoly of concern. The last Labour Government imposed the biggest capital cuts on the health service and Labour ministers approved the closure of 272 hospitals, well over double what had happened since. That was what Labour did in practice.



Mr Fowler: "Government *committed to spending*".

The Government was devoting more resources to patient care than any other government in history.

"We remain absolutely committed to the National Health Service", Mr Fowler assured the conference.

He said that over the next few years the health service would face greater pressure of demand. Inevitably there would be change, but change aimed at achieving a stronger health service, not change aimed at destroying it.

Change meant improving ways of preventing ill health. *Too often all* the emphasis was on cure and not enough on prevention.

Change meant cutting out waste. The service spent £140m a year on telephone bills, stationery, office equipment and postage; it spent more than £280m a year energy, and more than £10m a year advertising jobs to its own staff. There was room for saving in those areas and in many others.

Change meant cutting the drugs bill. There were now 100 million more prescriptions given each year than in 1949 and the cost had risen from less than £30m to about *£1,250m.*

Change meant opening up hospital domestic services to competition.

Change meant promoting partnership between the health service and the private sector. In the last months there were unmistakable signs that a constructive partnership between the two was now developing.

Above all, change meant getting the maximum value for money and here manpower must be of the essence. The health service was the biggest employer in Britain. This represented three quarters of the *cost of the health service.*

Eighteen months ago he asked authorities to bring forward plans for the control of their manpower. The response came late but it was unmistakable. Instead of a levelling out there was going to be an increase of 7,000, and most of the jobs would have been for administrators, ancillaries and works staff.

It would have been wrong to ignore that trend. After allowing for manpower needs for new development the department asked for savings of 4,800 posts out of a total of 820,000, just one half of 1 per cent.

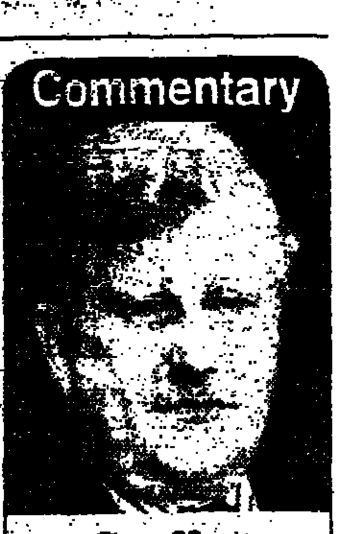
Mr Fowler asserted, amid applause: "Frankly it is ludicrous to charge that reduction of one half of 1 per cent of the staff of the biggest employers in Western Europe marks the end of the health service as we know it. What it does mean is that if we make these savings then health authorities will have £40m for use elsewhere in the service."

The motion was carried.

Today's debates

This afternoon's speech by Mrs *Margaret Thatcher* will bring the conference to a close. This morning Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will reply to the debate on a motion reaffirming the party's commitment to the EEC. There will also be a debate on a balloted motion dealing with the abolition of the GLC.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

The most remarkable feature of this conference is that the *Conservatives should* be relieved that it has gone as well as it has. This is an idication of how the fortunes of the government have changed since it won such a massive general election victory only four months ago. Instead of looking for a joyous victory celebration, the party is glad to get through the week without too much embarrsassment.

The particular reason for this is the Parkinson affair. But this is the kind of episode that is seriously demaging only to a government that has lost its way in other respects. The most critical task for Mrs Thatcher when she speaks to the conference today is to convince the party that the government has not lost it momentum or its sense of direction.

Beneath the surface at Blackpool there has been some anxiety on both scores. There is also a basic disagreement oner the government's long-term strategy, which has not caused much difficulty this week, but seems likely to be a source of future argument. Mr Nigel Lawson's first speech to a Conservative conference as Chancellor was less than a rhetorical triumph but its policy implications were far-reaching.

Tax cuts are to be a high *priority of his stewardship at* the Treasury. Moreover, he declared, "I am not going to follow the primrose path of financing tax reductions by letting borrowing rip."

Daring assumptions on the economy

This might seem a fairly standard argument to deploy at *a Conservative conference.* But Mr Lawson's policy is in fact significantly more daring than either that offered by the Conservatives at the election, or that followed in practice by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr Lawson's predecessor.

At the election the official Conservative line was to present lower taxation as a desirable aspiration rather than a top priority. A year ago when Sir Geoffrey was seeking to impress his Cabinet colleagues with the necessity to cut expenditure drastically, he warned them that taxation was otherwise likely to rise to astronomical heights – unless, that is, the economy were to grow consistently at a faster pace than he clearly thought it prudent to assume.

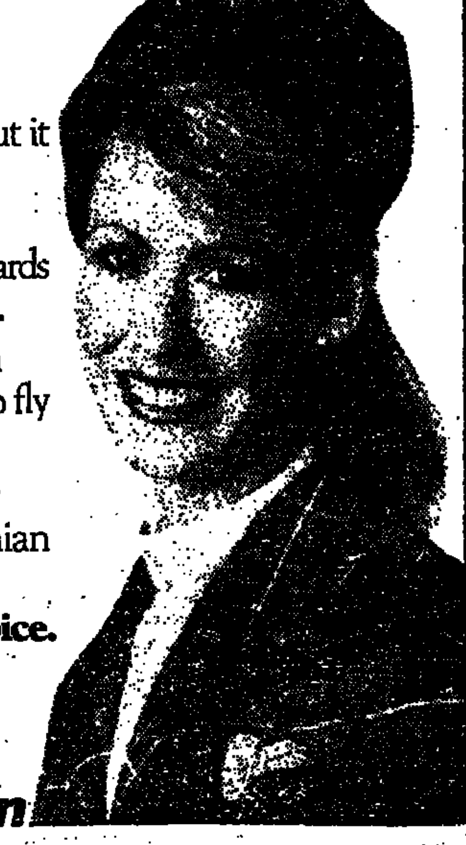
Perhaps Mr Lawson's assumptions about the consistent growth of the economy are much more optimistic than Sir Geoffrey's, which would indeed be daring. Otherwise Mr Lawson is promising to reduce public spending not only by enough to prevent taxation rises, but by the still larger amounts required to cut taxes – without any juggling with the borrowing requirement.

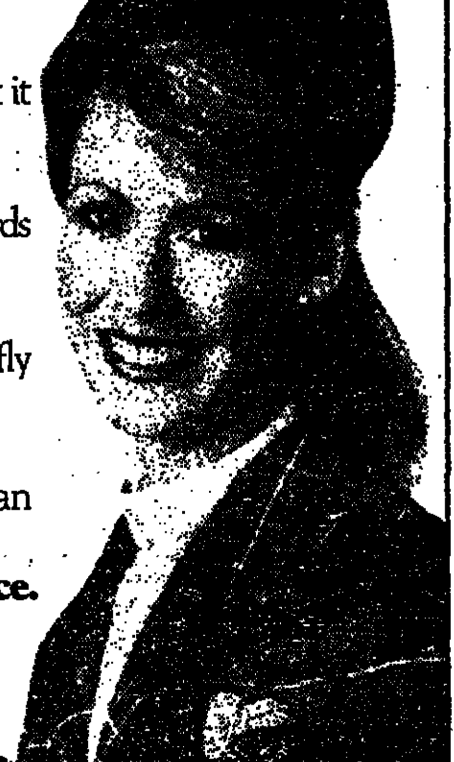
This presents a double difficulty. The savings required are liable to be formidable, and by proclaiming that they are required, partly in order to finance tax cuts, Mr Lawson may have made it more difficult to secure large economies. Hard-pressed spending ministers might argue that it would be better to forgo the tax concessions and cut expenditure rather less, especially as the opinion polls suggest that is the option the public would *prefer.*

It follows that if Mr Lawson pursues his policy with determination, there will in all probability have to be a serious debate in Cabinet on the strategy on which it is based. In such a debate, some spending ministers, who are not usually numbered among the Wets, might find themselves ranged alongside the few *remaining* Wet ministers.

The old Wet-Dry debate is for the moment no longer such a prominent feature of Conservative politics. The Dries are dominent in Cabinet although Mr Biffen took a very different line from Mr Lawson on *Weekend World* on Sunday he is not regarded as a consistent Wet. In the party at large Sir Ian Gilmour has raised the standard of revolt against Mr Lawson's policy, but there has not been the sense of drama in the conflict between Wets and Dries that there was two years ago.

Although there has been some unease beneath the surface, there has been little open conflict at this conference. It is too soon after the election for anxieties to harden. Next year it may be different, if Mr Lawson is not able by then to provide evidence that he is on the right course.





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Free Christmas butter proposal provokes a clash in the EEC

From Patricia Clough, Strasbourg

The European Parliament insisted yesterday that a large part of the EEC butter mountain should be given away free at Christmas. In a clash of wills members called on the European Commission to drop its objection to their scheme under which one packet of butter would be given away with every two bought at the normal price. They wanted up to 200,000 tonnes of butter to be given away.

The commission has objected because the Community is running out of cash, and it cannot raise the £200m needed to finance the scheme.

On Wednesday, Mr Piet Dankert, the Parliament's president, refused to allow an amendment to the budget to finance the scheme because it would have broken through the ceiling of the funds available.

But yesterday, the members voted 57 to 20 in favour of the plan after Herr Heinrich Aigner, the *rapporteur* of the budgetary control committee, said that it could be financed out of the next budget.

The Commission maintains that the scheme is one of the most expensive ways of reducing the 800,000-tonne butter mountain – one of the cheapest being the highly unpopular practice of selling it to the Russians.

Last year, a belated scheme to sell 120,000 tonnes of butter cheaply after Christmas was regarded as unsatisfactory, as it increased consumption by only 25 per cent.

Herr Aigner yesterday produced figures which, he said, showed that the EEC would actually be saving some £170m with this year's scheme. He also claimed that it would increase consumption by 66 per cent, and not 25 per cent as the Commission estimates.

Mr Poul Dalsager, the Agriculture Commissioner, told Parliament that the scheme was "high on cost, and low on cost effectiveness". He pleaded for the Commission's own three-year-old plan to impose a super-levy on production which neither the government not Parliament support.

"The dairy problem is at the very centre of our struggle to survive a political and budgetary crisis of a magnitude that can affect the whole future of our community," he said.

● **BRUSSELS:** The EEC will not have enough money to cover its running costs unless the Community introduces a tax on oils and fats, which the US has already said would lead to a trade war. (Ian Murray writes). Unless fiercely resisted measures to control dairy product and to abolish the green currency system are agreed there will be no leeway for the Community to meet emergencies.

The latest European Commission estimates for next year are as gloomy as can be and take no account of the extra money that will be needed in January to pay back up to £360m which the community could overspend this year.

In the best of all possible worlds – including agreement on these difficult subjects – about £750m of economies could be made next year. Without them, under present rules there will not be enough money to go round.

The commission has been given breathing space by the agreement on Wednesday of the European Parliament to a supplementary budget which earmarks about £1,440m for agriculture.

But there seems little or no chance that this will be enough to meet all this year's commitments and therefore some payments will have to come out of next year's already overstretched budget.

A game of "chicken" is in progress with everyone waiting to see who will crack first, Britain or the rest. Britain is by now said to be isolated on its main demands for a fairer system of budget payments and for strict and enforceable limits on farm spending.



Shipwrecked in paradise: Six young British castaways from Essex comfortably in Victoria, Seychelles, after being rescued from the remote Indian Ocean atoll of Astove, 500 miles south of Mahe. The skipper, Mr Stephen Jarrett, said their ferrous concrete ketch is now lying in fragments at the bottom of a four-mile long coral reef after being wrecked in a storm.

Kenyans welcome freedom for Odinga

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Kenyans generally have welcomed the release of two of the 12 Kenyans held in detention since last year's coup attempt and the political crises here, and the freeing from restriction of the former Vice-President, Mr Oginga Odinga, who had been forbidden to leave his house since last November.

Professor Al-Amin Mazrui, of Kenyatta University College, and Mr John Khaminwa, a Nairobi lawyer, were both freed on Wednesday within a few hours of the formal swearing-in of President Moi for a five-year term of office.

The two were detained last year, before the August 1 coup attempt, when the first signs of political dissent appeared. Another 10 Kenyans, including some university lecturers, are still detained.

Those still being held include Mr Raila Odinga, a son of Mr Oginga Odinga, who was at one time charged with treason after the coup attempt.

50 Soviet ships stuck in Arctic ice

From Richard Owen
Moscow

The seriousness of the emergency facing Soviet ships trapped in Arctic ice became apparent yesterday when the official in charge of rescue operations disclosed that some 50 vessels had been caught in the frozen sea of Chukotsk.

Both *Pravda* and *Sovietskaya Rossiya* carried reports on the crisis, caused by unusually low temperatures since the beginning of the month. The sea of Chukotsk, which usually remains ice-free around the Siberian coastline, allowing ships to pass through, has been frozen solid for two weeks.

Izvestiya reported this week that some of the trapped ships were ironically enough – icebreakers which had failed to break through the thickening ice and force a channel for the other stranded vessels.

Reports said that the ice was gradually crushing the hulls of the trapped ships, and in one case the crew of the cargo ship Nina Sagaidak had to be rescued when packed ice cracked the hull and the hold was flooded.

The ships had been carrying supplies to remote coastal towns on the Siberian side of the Chukotsk sea. One of the icebreakers sent to help them, the Leonid Brezhnev, broke down and is undergoing repairs.

Socialists in doldrums but...

French vote yes to joie de vivre

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Despite the worst economic crisis since the Second World War, the most unpopular President under the Fifth Republic, mounting East-West tensions, and the danger of becoming embroiled in wars in Chad, Lebanon and the Gulf, 92 per cent of French people say they are happy – 3 per cent more than 10 years ago when France was still riding high on the crest of a wave of prosperity.

In answer to the question: "If you were asked point blank 'are you happy?' what would you reply?", 24 per cent said they were "very happy" and 68 per cent "quite happy" while only 1 per cent described themselves as "very unhappy". When the same question was asked in 1973, 89 per cent said they were either very, or quite happy.

The almost Panglossian image of France as the best of all possible worlds suggested by the findings of the poll, which was carried out for the *Nouvel Observateur* magazine by the respected Soffrès polling institute, is at total variance with the image presented by the opposition RPR Gaullist party in its censure motion of the Government.

The motion which was heavily defeated after a heated debate in Parliament on Wednesday night, accused the Government of "weakening our economy, bringing our country into ever greater debt, dividing the people and crushing them with taxes and compulsory levies, lowering standards in schools and in health care, failing to take the necessary measures to tackle the (Corsican) separatists, delaying the modernization of our defence and threatening fundamental human liberties".

It was the sixth censure motion in Parliament tabled by the opposition since the Socialists came to power two and a half years ago. All have been defeated. The Socialists have an absolute majority in the lower House. Although nine out of 10 French people claim to be happy, most feel that the nation as a whole is less happy than it was 10 years ago.

War was seen as the greatest obstacle to future happiness, 57 per cent saying they feared a new outbreak. Unemployment was also a dominant worry: 41 per cent mentioned it compared with only 26 per cent 10 years ago.

Racalism, of which there has been so much talk of late in France, appeared to be negligible concern. It was mentioned by only 5 per cent.

The most important ingredients for personal happiness were good health, loving relationships, the family and freedom to do what you want. God was also mentioned by half the sample. Only 3 per cent said they considered wealth important. Those claiming to be "very happy", however, included a disproportionate number of those well off.



Mr Benn: "French farmers more likely to invade than Russian troops".

Benn seeks independent UK stance

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Wedgwood Benn yesterday called for Britain to adopt new foreign and defence policies which would lead it towards non-alignment with East or West.

The present cold war was infinitely more dangerous than that at the time of the Berlin blockade, because of the number of nuclear weapons. People were "very, very frightened", he said.

But despite the "paranoid propaganda" he thought the Soviet Union more concerned by its internal security than any aggressive intentions toward the West.

Protesting French farmers were likely to reach Dover before Russian troops, he told the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House).

There were genuine fears that there existed in the White House a school of thought that believed the arms race could be used to bankrupt the Soviet Union and that the West could fight and win a limited war in Europe.

S African Coloured leader quits

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr David Curry, the chairman of the Labour Party, the main political organization of South Africa's mixed race coloured population, has resigned, ostensibly to devote himself more fully to Coloured local government affairs.

Speaking by telephone from Bloemfontein, where he is attending a housing conference, Mr Curry insisted that his decision was taken for purely personal reasons and had no political significance. He said he would remain a member of the party.

Despite this disclaimer, Mr Curry's resignation, which he handed in without warning to the party leader, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, was widely seen as evidence of strains within the party over its decision to participate in the Government's new constitutional structure.

The Government's Constitution Bill would create a new tricameral Parliament for whites, Coloureds and Indians. Blacks, more than 70 per cent of the total population, would continue to have no parliamentary representation. The Bill has already been passed by the existing all-white Parliament and will be implemented if a majority of whites vote for it at a referendum on November 2.

Under pressure, Mr Hendrickse has asked the Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha, for a separate referendum to be held to test Coloured opinion, a request which has so far received no answer.

Mr Hendrickse said yesterday that if such a referendum were held and produced a "no" majority, his party would have to reconsider its position.

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Glenn forces missiles issue into arena of presidential election

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Senator John Glenn's proposal for a temporary freeze on the deployment of ground-launched cruise missiles in Europe has created exactly the type of situation which the United States and its Nato partners wanted to avoid when they decided in December 1979 to go ahead with deployment at the end of this year.

In choosing the end of 1983 for the deployment of 572 Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Europe the Western leaders here deliberately trying to ensure that it would not become an issue in the 1984 American presidential election.

However, Senator Glenn's proposal, made during a speech to the National Press Club in Washington on Wednesday, has brought the issue to the centre of the American political debate at a critical moment in the deadlocked Intermediate-range Nuclear Force talks in Geneva.

The Reagan Administration and Western European leaders strongly oppose a delay on the ground that it would reduce pressure on Moscow to reach an agreement in Geneva and could weaken the mood in favour of deployment.

The first 16 of the 160 cruise missiles eventually destined for Britain are due to be installed at Greenham Common in December.

Senator Glenn, who is considered a front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination next year, described the cruise missile as the single most potentially destabilizing weapon in existence.

He proposed a temporary freeze on deployment because it was necessary to make one last-ditch effort to keep a cruise missile race from occurring.

Political observers here believe the senator's remarks were intended to dispel some of the criticism being made by his Democratic rivals, notably former Vice-President Walter Mondale, about his conservative views on defence.

In recent political debates Mr Mondale and other Democratic hopefuls have pointed out that Mr Glenn had voted in support of Reagan Administration plans to resume production of chemical weapons and to go ahead with the development of the controversial B1 long-range bomber.

Although the senator has paid lip-service to nuclear freeze resolutions, he has made it clear he still broadly supports the Reagan Administration's huge defence modernization programme.

His views on defence, on which he speaks with the authority of a former Marine Corps pilot and astronaut, have been criticized by liberal Democrats who contend he is a "closet conservative" holding political viewpoints similar to President Reagan. His vote in favour of the President's tax cut programme in 1981 has also been strongly attacked.

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Moscow prepares propaganda blast

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

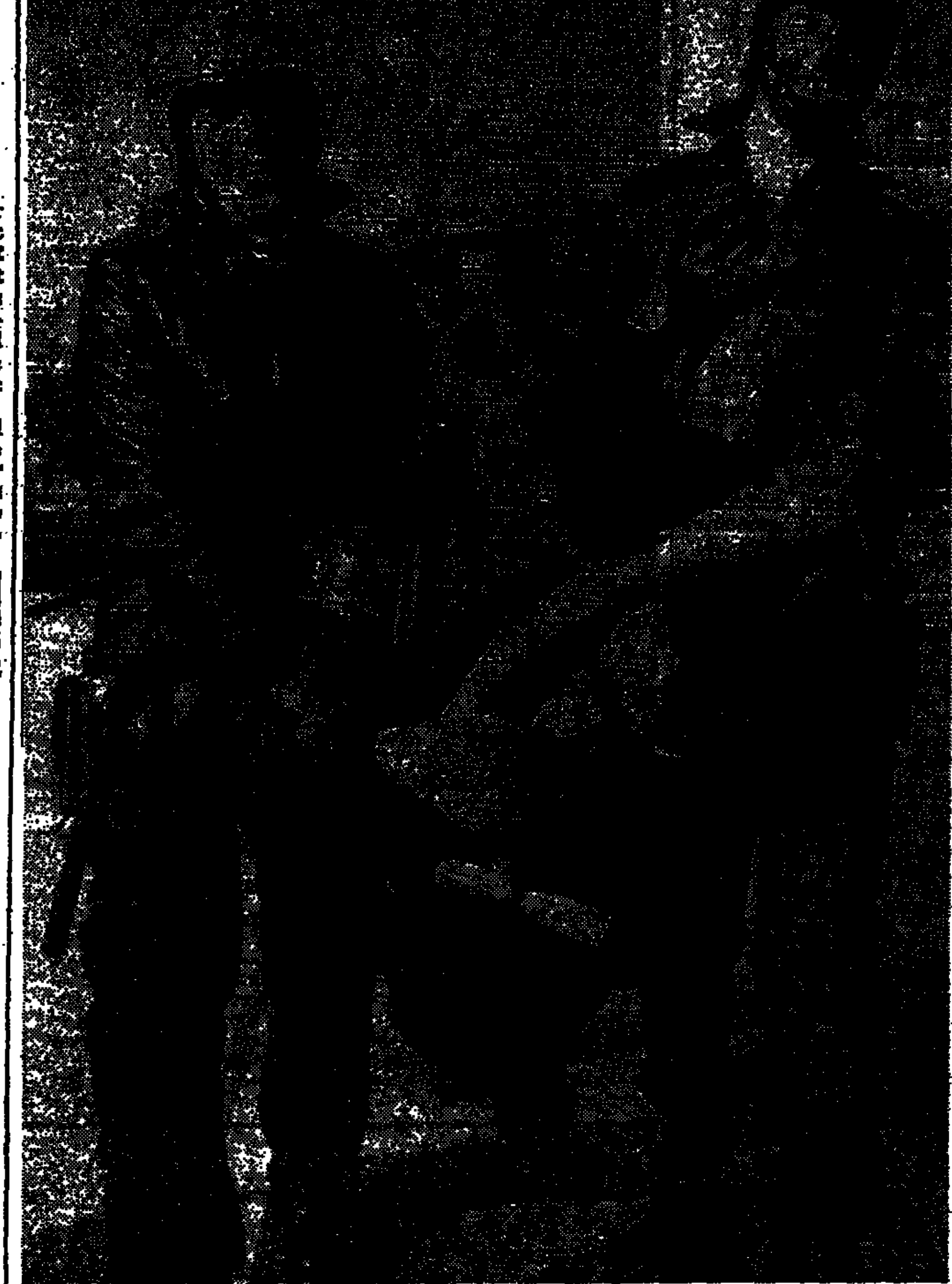
As Mr Andriei Gromyko arrived in Sofia yesterday for a meeting of warsaw pact foreign ministers, diplomats in Moscow said the Soviet leadership was about to launch a final propaganda blast on arms reduction in the hope that Nato would postpone its planned missile deployments.

It was said that although the foreign ministers of the Warsaw Pact regularly meet every six months today's session would be far from routine.

The meeting coincides with reports from Geneva that the Soviet Union has threatened to abandon the talks on medium range missiles, and with the beginning of a hot autumn of anti-nuclear protests in West Germany.

Diplomats said the Russians were hoping to sway public opinion in Western Europe, and particularly in West Germany, against the planned deployment of cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in December. Mr Gromyko is to meet Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, The West German Foreign Minister, in Vienna at the weekend, immediately after the Sofia meeting.

The Warsaw Pact expected to outline its response to the Nato deployments, warning the West that Moscow would station rockets in Eastern Europe and take appropriate measures to threaten the United States directly.



Note of discord: A demonstrator keeps playing as he is dragged away by police at the harbour gate in Bremerhaven yesterday.

Germans wage war on cruise

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

In the first of nationwide protests taking place in the next nine days, several thousand people yesterday lay down outside the American barracks in Bremerhaven and blockaded the North Sea port in protest against the deployment of Nato missiles in Germany.

Police carried away about 100 people from the roadway leading to the Carl Schurz barracks, but the demonstration remained peaceful. Long queues of lorries attempting to reach the harbour were eventually able to get through after police had cleared a way through the demonstrators in the afternoon.

The Government had given warnings that professional trouble-makers bent on provoking violence were converging on Bremerhaven, and the local police were strengthened by thousands from elsewhere.

But the atmosphere in the cold, bright sun remained friendly, and the demonstrators discussed arms policies and deployment with soldiers on the other side of the barriers erected outside the barracks.

At Nordenham across the River Weser another unauthorized protest March ended at the harbour where equipment for the American forces in Germany is unloaded. No incidents were reported, however, and the marchers shared apples with harbour officials.

The Bremerhaven blockade is planned to end as the week of action against deployment begins tomorrow. Yesterday leaders of the peace movement held informal talks with the Social Democratic Party over SPD participation in next week's rallies and the party's position on the Geneva arms talks.

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the SDP parliamentary leader, and Herr Richard von Weizsäcker, the Christian Democratic Mayor of West Berlin, both gave separate warnings yesterday to demonstrators not to use violence, which Herr Vogel said his party utterly abjured.

Meanwhile, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, told Parliament that he was meeting Mr Andrei Gromyko, his Soviet counterpart, in Vienna at the weekend because West Germany was interested in a long-term improvement in Soviet-German relations.

Mr Paul Nitze, the chief American negotiator in Geneva, and Mr Kenneth Adelman, head of the arms control and disarmament agency, had talks here yesterday with Herr Genscher and with the Chancellor's Office about the latest position in Geneva and what Herr Genscher could expect from the Soviet Foreign Minister.

The blockade at Bremerhaven marks the start of one of the most turbulent periods in West Germany's postwar history, as the protest movement against the missile deployment takes to the streets in unprecedented numbers.

For the next nine days there will be rallies, marches, vigils, sit-down protests and acts of civil disobedience throughout the country, culminating in four huge demonstrations next Saturday in which well over a million people are expected to take part.

Letter from Warsaw

Unofficial diplomacy and all that jazz

Nowadays, of course, the music of protest has a different timbre. For those with strong stomachs, the story is eloquently told by the titles, of the groups and songs, at the Jarocin Rock Music Festival held this summer deep in provincial Poland: Sewage, Lavatory Bowl, Defloration, Degeneration, Dissecting Room, Dead Organisms, Delirium Tremens, Doom, Paralysis.

Those are just the printable names, all of them tripping easily enough off the lips of the disillusioned post-Solidarity generation.

There was a time not so long ago, when the music of protest was expressed through an unamplified jazz saxophone. In the Stalinist 1950s, both the spontaneity of jazz and its American heritage were seen as a dangerous threat to the system, an attempt by imperialist agents to brainwash the young Socialist generation.

Two Soviet tracts – *The Music of Spiritual Proverty* by V. Gordodinsky and *Dollar Cacophony* by I. Nestryev – set the ideogical guidelines for the whole of Eastern Europe.

In Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, jazz players were harassed by secret policemen, expelled from music academies, constantly thwarted in attempts to stage even modest concerts. Totalitarianism and jazz are incompatible.

Witness the case of Ady Rosner, a jazz trumpeter who fled from Germany to Poland when Hitler came to power in 1933, set up a big band in Warsaw, then fled, one step ahead of the Germans, to the Soviet Union, where he played on until deemed ideologically suspect. He ended up introducing jazz to the Gulag during a labour camp sentence.

Jazz has come out of the cold. That much is clear from the fact that next week the Poles are staging the twenty-fifth international jazz jamboree in the huge wedding-cake structure that goes by the name of the Palace of Culture, Stalin's most enduring gift to Poland and the least lovely building in Warsaw.

The most significant part of the jamboree, however is not the totalitarian architecture of its venue, but the presence, at a time when East-West relations are assuming the quality of permafrost, of America's leading jazz musician, Miles Davis, and dozens of other Western artists.

Jazz has become an instrument of unofficial cultural diplomacy. Outside the US Embassy library there is a permanent cordon of armed militiamen to prevent Poles from entering and exposing themselves to American values. On the official level all cultural links have been cut. Reagan is the beast.

Yet jazz is keeping the relationship alive, and already it is possible to see the first musicians strolling through the streets of the capital, their mutton-chop sideburns and dark glasses (slightly misted by the freezing rain) announcing their profession.

The tickets have been sold out since the summer and have displaced coffee as the main black market item: the only hope of most fans is that the musicians will, after their official concerts, improvise into the night at the Aquarium Jazz Club or student dives.

The progress of East European jazz from underground to overground is really the history of de-Stalinization. When Stalin died in 1953, the musicians gained some confidence, though the official view was still that jazz (in the Czech phrase) was "the moaning in the throat of a camel and the hiccuping of a drunk".

But the big breakthrough came at the 1956 jazz festival in the Baltic port of Sopot: the thousands of jazz fans chanted: "jazz lives".

"It was like a Solidarity demonstration", comments one who has studied the period. Until then jazz fans had to rely mainly on broadcasts from Voice of America, memorizing the tunes as best they could because there were few, if any, tape recorders available.

The occasional jazz programme was heard on official radio when the presenter managed to convince the censor that jazz was the music of the oppressed black proletariat of America rather than the pluto-capitalists of Wall Street.

German groups visited Poland along with Western musicians, such as Dave Brubeck, all helping to shape Polish jazz. The other East European countries followed at a slower pace: in East Germany, for example, jazz emerged from the shadows only in the 1960s and the result is that the East Germans are wedded to free jazz.

In Poland the jazz community cross-fertilized with other artists: banned poets like Czeslaw Milosz were set to music and frustrated film-makers like Roman Polanski worked well with the jazz composers of Cracow.

Some experts now rate Poland along with Britain, Sweden, France and West Germany as a member of the European jazz elite. Certainly Polish jazz influence is dominant in Warsaw Pact countries and names like Jan "The Bird" Wroblewski and Tomasz Stanko are common currency in the clubs of Prague and Budapest.

The watchdogs of communist culture are busily chewing at the trouser-legs of other victims: dissident writers, punk groups, actors, film makers. For the moment, jazz is that most terrible thing: respectable. It has survived worse indignities.

Roger Boyes

Fire rescue squad save blazing port

Managua (Reuter) – Fire-fighters from four countries yesterday managed to control the huge blaze started by rebels in a sea raid on Corinto, Nicaragua's biggest port. But 15 people were injured, fuel tanks damaged and 660 tonnes of UN medicines and food aid destroyed.

The 40,000 inhabitants of Corinto – an island connected to the mainland by a bridge – were evacuated on Wednesday.

India fences off Bangladesh

Delhi (Reuter) - India will start building a barbed-wire fence along its 2,050-mile border with Bangladesh next month to prevent illegal crossings into Assam, the scene of ethnic vlence last February in which 3,000 died.

Bangladesh objects to the fence on the ground that it would violate a border agreement between the two states.

Women protest

Manila (AP) – Cheered on by several thousand office workers, about 7,000 women, including nuns, students, secretaries and high society matrons accompanied by white-clad servants, marched in a hail of confetti through Minila's business district of Makati to protest against the Markos regime and the assassination of Benigno Aquino.

Walesa denial

Warsaw (AP) – Mr Lech Walesa denied press reports that he has decided personally to attend ceremonies in Norway on December 10 to accept his Nobel Peace Prize. "The question is still open" the Solidarity founder said on the telephone.

Death plunge

Pachuca, Mexico (AP) – Eighteen miners were killed and three injured when the cable of a cable car bringing them to the surface at the San Juan Pachuca silver mine snapped, plunging them down 900ft.

Etendards coming soon, Iraq insists

By Our Foreign Staff

France has not yet delivered five Super-Etendard fighter-bombers promised to Iraq, President Saddam Husain said yesterday. But he added that the aircraft would be delivered before the end of the month.

President Husain told a press conference in Baghdad that he believed the delay was due to "pressure brought by the United States and especially Britain" on the French Government.

"In light of this pressure", he said, "we have been in contact with the French authorities and they have affirmed that they will respect their commitments."

He said France had imposed no conditions on Iraq concerning the use of the planes. "We refuse conditions on arms that we buy with our own money", he declared. "We are an independent country."

But he acknowledged that there had been "a friendly exchange of views on the subject between French and Iraqi officials."

The Iraqi leader did not rule out an Iranian blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, a critical passageway for oil tankers, but he said "it would be an act of folly".

"It would be flagrant blackmail on the part of Iran", he continued, "and if the world gives in to it, it would lead to an endless series of such moves" as Iran would continue to threaten to close the waterway.

Iran has said it would close the strait if Iraq used the Super-Etendards to attack Iranian oil facilities.

President Husain claimed that the sophisticated French jets were not the only aircraft that could be used against naval targets. "We have other planes equipped with Exocet missiles that can carry out the same missions", he said.

Gulf war nevers have added a fresh element of uncertainty to world oil markets, putting as much as 50 cents a barrel on the value of crude, industry sources said in London.

The upward trend gathered pace overnight after an official Iraqi claim that two Iranian vessels, including a warship, had been sunk near Iran's main gulf oil terminal at Kharg Island.

Super-Etendards were apparently not involved.

Frank speaking from two royal personalities

Duke pleads for birth control

Bangkok (Reuter) – The Duke of Edinburgh said yesterday that without voluntary population controls the world would be faced with starvation, disease and probably conflicts.

The Duke told a press conference here: "The world's population is growing at such a rate and the demands for resources are growing even faster that unless people voluntarily decide not to have so many children we are merely going to build up greater and greater problems".

A point would be reached where we would "be faced with the only traditional control of population, which is starvation and disease and probably conflicts."

The Duke, who arrived in Bangkok in Wednesday from Hongkong during an Asian tour to raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund, of which he is president, said that he was not opposed to people exploiting the world's resources. But a deliberate decision had to be made not to exploit resources faster than they were regenerated.



Princess talks 'Strine'

Princess Anne cracking a joke with Michael Parkinson during her television interview in Australia, during which she dismissed reports that her marriage was in trouble.

She told several stories of her life and family in a rare and frank glimpse into the problems of a woman who has often been criticized for being aloof and arrogant.

"There's a lot of areas in which uninformed gossip has been going on for years," she said, commenting on the marriage rumours. At one moment she cracked a joke, mimicking on Australian accent.

Biggest British fleet for years in Mediterranean

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondence

Britain's naval presence in the eastern Mediterranean is now at its highest level for years.

The Royal Navy has the two light aircraft carriers Harmes and Illustrious, three frigates, a submarine and supporting supply ships there. The assault ship Fearless is also on the way to the area.

All are there as a result of plans laid long ago. Hermes, Illustrious, the frigates and submarine are taking part in the exercise "Display Determination", which is just ending, and will make subsequent port visits. Fearless is carrying cadets from Dartmouth on a training voyage. Hermes has with her a commando group of about 900 men, based on 40 Royal Marine Commando, who have also been participating in "Display Determination".

Their presence has clearly not been brought about by the recent crisis in Lebanon, but the effect of their being there is to sustain a high level of Western naval presence despite the American decision to send an amphibious force of three assault ships and 2,000 US Marines from the Mediterranean to the Gulf area.

Swedes invest for jobs

Stockholm (Reuter) – Sweden's Social Democratic Government yesterday lauched a controversial plan to stablis trade union run investment funds on its first stage through Parliament.

The presentation of the proposal, aimed at boosting investment to make jobs secure, coincides with the announcement of another work creation scheme seen as a radical departure from traditional Swedish welfare practice.

The plan to raise so-called wage-earner funds through a new company tax to be invested in Swedish industry would be scrutinized by a parliamentary legal committee before being presented as a Bill to Parliament in November, the Finance Ministry said.

Parliament heard on Monday of the proposed two billion Kronor (£168m) job creation programme, under which young people would be forced to do necessary work such as cleaning in the public sector or lose their unemployment benefit.

How Managua pulls the teeth of a paper tiger

From Christopher Thomas, Managua

Each afternoon at 5.30 a driver leaves the office of *La Prensa* in Managua with proofs of the next day's paper. Señorita Melea Cecilia Blandon, the chief censor is already waiting.

The sign on her door at the Ministry of the Interior says: "Office of Media Communications". Every day Señorita Blandon, aged 24, and her staff of five of six tinker, tamper, alter and eliminate as they see fit. There is no appeal above the might of Señorita Blandon's pen.

When she is done, *La Prensa* gets a telephone call and the driver heads off to retrieve what is left. On an average day four out of every 10 stories might incur her displeasure. On a bad day she can carve it up so much that the paper does not publish.

La Prensa is an opposition newspaper that is not allowed to oppose. Since the Sandinista regime introduced a state of siege 18 months ago nearly three years after the revolution, freedom of the press had vanished.

The staff is dedicated and endangered. Reporters have been beaten up. Editors' homes have been stoned. There are threatening telephone calls. On Wednesday night unidentified attackers fired two rockets at the building causing minor damage but no one was injured.

Señor Pedro Chamorro, the editor, does not write leading articles any more. "Should I write for my own ego? Why write an article that will never go beyond the typewriter?"

The muzzling of *La Prensa* is a cruel irony: it was a staunch advocate of the Sandinistas. In January 1978 Señor Chamorro's father, then editor, was assassinated by the hated Somoza regime for lambasting it so vehemently, continuously and effectively.

The paper continued to be berated and intimidated.

Today, Señorita Blandon does the job for the Sandinistas. At times she is random and unpredictable. Stories that make the other two papers are banned. Paragraphs are removed so that stories make no sense. Headlines are rejected and photographs are thrown out.

Self-censorship in El Salvador

San Salvador (Reuter) – The Salvadorean media, buckling under threats from extreme right-wing death squads, have imposed self-censorship on news and paid political announcements.

News organizations said the decision was made by the Salvadorean Radio Broadcasting Association (ASDR) after a series of bombings and threats by rightist groups against radio stations.

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KGB splits with ministry on handling of spy cases

From Richard Owen, Moscow

A split has developed between the KGB (secret police) and the Soviet Foreign Ministry over how to respond to the expulsion of suspected Soviet spies from the West. Soviet sources said the KGB, headed by General Viktor Chebrikov, favoured "sharp retaliation" in most cases, while the Foreign Ministry under Mr Andrei Gromyko took a more cautious view.

Sources said Mr Gromyko had successfully dissuaded the security services from precipitous action on a number of occasions, arguing that the political consequences would rebound on the Soviet Union at a time when it was seeking to impress West European public opinion on the arms issue.

Soviet sources said the KGB had wanted to retaliate immediately for the Irish expulsions in order to "teach Britain a lesson" indirectly, and to warn Dublin not to "take orders from London" in security matters.

Sources said the most recent case involved two Soviet diplomats expelled from Ireland last month on charges of espionage. Mr Viktor Lipassov, second secretary at the Embassy in Dublin, was ordered out on September 14, together with his wife. Mr Gennady Salin, first secretary, was in Russia on home leave at the time and was told by the Irish authorities not to return. Mr Lipassov had taken a holiday cottage not far from the border with Northern Ireland, sources said. The British anthorities had become alarmed at the Soviet diplomats' activities in a "sensitive area", including their contacts with IRA sympathizers. British and Irish security services had cooperated in investigating the case.

Foreign Ministry officials, however, had successfully argued that to expel two members of the small Irish Embassy in Moscow would harm Soviet-Irish relations unnecessarily.

Similar caution was exercised earlier when President Mitterrand ordered the expulsion of 47 Soviet diplomats and officials from Paris last April. Despite a sustained anti-French campaign in the Soviet press, no French diplomats were ordered out of the Soviet Union, and the campgain died down. President Andropov later told an interviewer that the kremlin had delibarately refrained from reacting in the interests of good Franco-Soviet relations.

Observers see this approach as part of a policy designed to divide Western Europe from the United States at a time when the Western alliance is under some strain over the question of arms reductions and relations with Moscow. The Soviet calculation is that European leaders take a more pragmatic and less ideological attitude toward Russia and respond favourably to Soviet restraint.

Three American diplomats have been expelled from Moscow so far this year, against a background of continuous anti-American propaganda barrages. By contrast Moscow has almost ignored expulsions of alleged Soviet agents from France, Switzerland, Sweden and Italy.

A series of "tit for tat" measures against Britain earlier this year petered out in the spring, and the Russians have not yet decided whether to retaliate against the expulsion from London of a Soviet trade official last week. The official, Mr Vasily Ionov, was the sixth Russian to be ordered out of Britain in a year.

Moscow has also yet to decide how – or whether – to react to the expulsion of two Soviet diplomats from Canada last month on charges of stealing high technology secrets.

Delay likely in launch of European Spacelab

Houston (AP) – A delay of between one and four months is expected in the launch of the space shuttle flight.

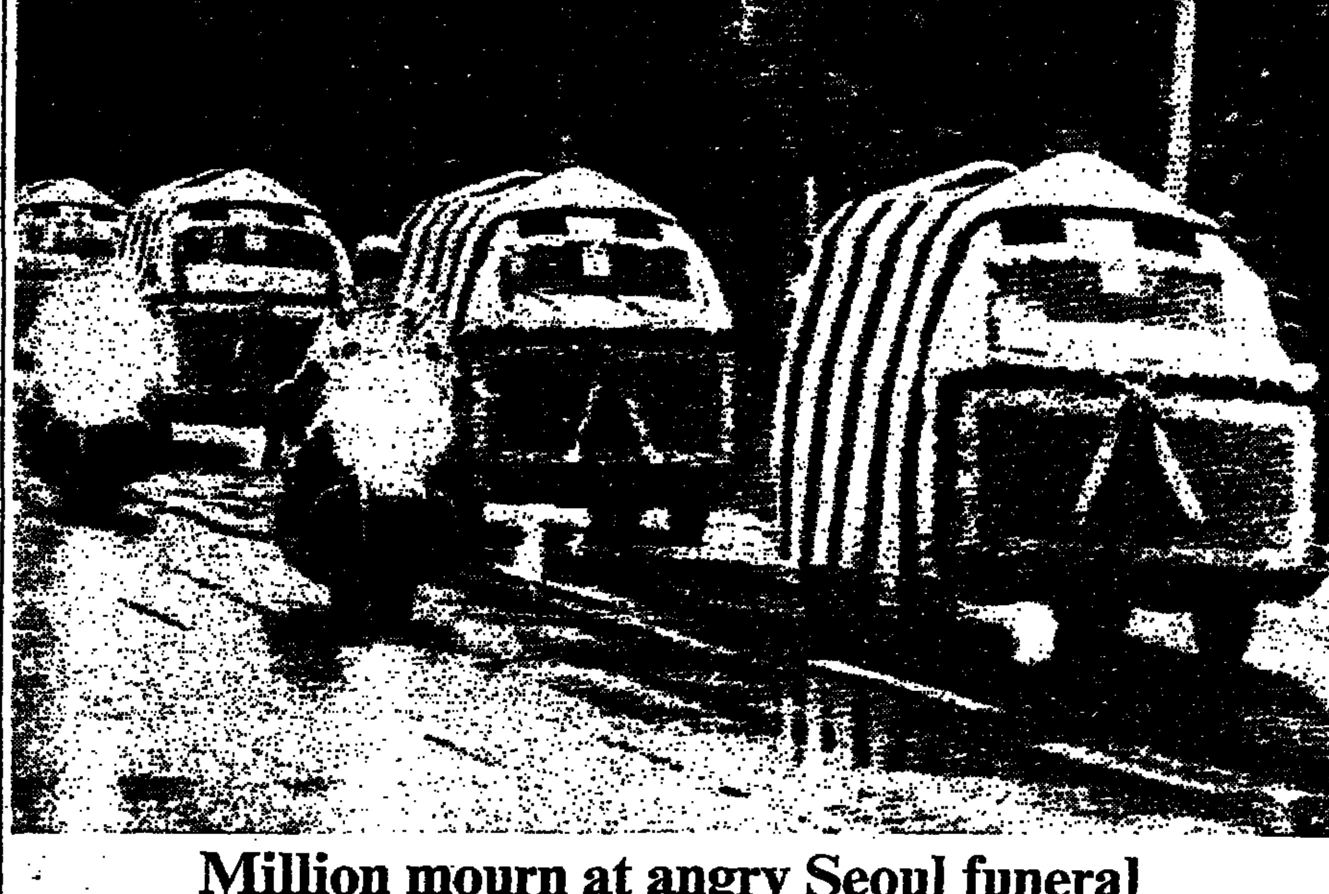
The latest mission, scheduled for October 28, was to launch the multi-million pound European Spacelab.

A Nasa official said the discovery of a near burn-through on a rocket nozzle used on the spee shuttle mission in August had caused engineers to question the dependability of rocket nozzles that were to be used on he shuttle's Spacelab flight. "I don't think there's a chance that we'll fly in October", he said.

The Spacelab mission, which must be launched during the dark of the moon to enhance scientific experiments, could possibly be launched in late November. But this would mean that in the event of trouble during the launch the spacecraft would have to be landed in Spain in darkness. Such an emergency night landing is against mission standards of safety

A launch earlier in the day would satisfy the safety requirements but would mean that Europe would be in darkness during some of the orbits of the Spacelab over the continent. The mission is designed to give daylight passes over Europe.

If Spacelab is delayed past Nvember, the next launch opportunity, given the lighting constraints, would be in February.





Million mourn at angry Seoul funeral

A cavalcade of black-and-white bedecked ambulances carrying the bodies of the 17 South Korean victims of Sunday's terrorist explosion in Rangoon, on its way yesterday to the mass funeral service in Seoul.

The South Korean government is now saying that it has evidence linking the North Korean government with the explosion which killed four senior ministers, and has formally asked Burma to sever relations with North Korea.

A million mourners packed into a Seoul plaza for the mass funeral of the South Korean victims. The US Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, and special envoys from more than 20 countries attended the memorial ceremonies on an island in the River Han.

Relatives wept and some collapsed as they filed past an enormous altar 80 yards long bedecked with yellow and white chrysanthemums

Buddhist monks chanted prayers and clashed cymbals. A protestant minister, the Rev Yoo Ho-Joon, called on God to "drive out the murderous (North Korean) group from the earth."

Addressing the massed crowd, the Prime Minister Mr Kim Sang-Hyup again blamed North Korea for the bomb blast.

He charged the North Koreans with an act "not even worthy of beasts"

After the ceremony, an angry anti-North Korean rally took place in the plaza.

Greeks to reduce time-lag in courts

From Mario Modiano
Athens

A plan of judicial reforms aimed at reducing delays in the administration of justice from the present average of five years to less than 12 months, has been unveiled by Mr George-Alexander Mangakis, the Greek Justice Minister.

The plan was elaborated by a committee of jurists, judges and lawyers. It will be sent to the main Bar associations, judges, unions and law faculties for comments before it becomes law.

Under this plan journalists may refuse in court to name their sources, while police witnesses will no longer be able to invoke privileged information.

Other changes include the abolition of the obligatory oath on the New Testament. Witnesses will have the discretion of offering their word of honour instead. Jail sentences for debts are abolished unless proof is produced that the debtor had deliberately concealed assets.

To speed up the process of justice, the plan sets time limits for the successive stages of the judicial procedure, to ensure that a final ruling on each case is issued not later than 10 to 12 months from the day the original lawsuit was filed.

Witnesses, for instance, may be able to make their depositions before notaries, relieving court employees from an enormous work load.

Zia offers earlier date for Pakistan election

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

President Ziaul-Haq was reported yesterday to have told Pakistani editors here that he was willing to advance the date of general elections by a year if political conditions were favourable. On August 12 he proposed elections and transfer of power by March 1985.

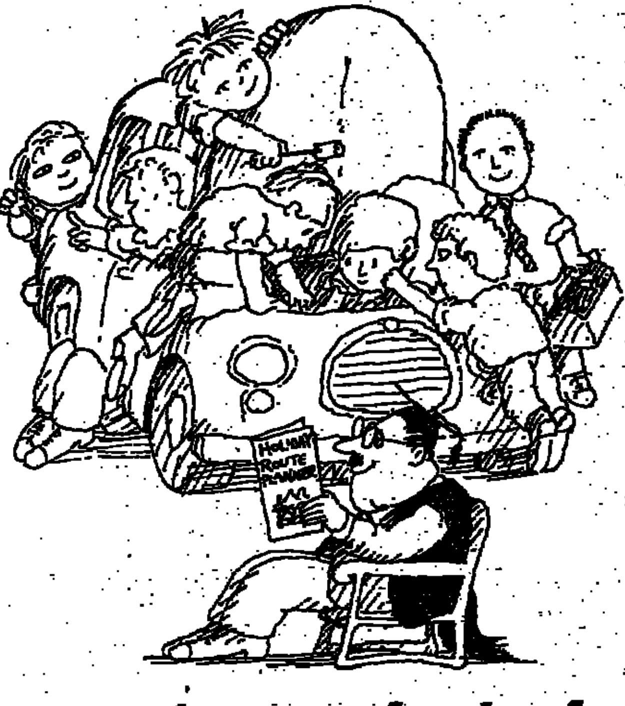
The proposed date and some features of General Zia's "Silamic political system" have been opposed in most political quarters. It is widely thought that current political drift is taking the country dangerously close to chaos. Violent agitation in Sind over the past two months had resulted in heavy loss of life and damage to government and private property.

General Zia's briefing has come in midst of his political discussions with right-wing politicians. He has also named a controversial senior former editor as his publicity adviser, which indicates that the regime is embarking on a fresh propaganda offensive.

General Zia told the editors that his August 12 announcement was not a divine declaration which could not be altered. But he appeared adamant in not holding talks with the leaders of the late Mr Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party.

The military ruler's meeting with the right-wing Jamiatul Ulemai Pakistan (JUP) on August 10 has also raised considerable controversy. Maulana Shah Ahmad Moorani, the Jup Leader, has accused the regime of misleading public by circulating its own version of the meeting

It seems that a credibility gap exists between the regime and the politicians, and that the current political exercise is intended to weaken the nine-party alliance of the Movement for Restoration of Democracy



Getting technical

This autumn the Manpower Services Commission launched a major new scheme to put technical and vocational education back into schools, as an option for all teenagers from the age of 14. This week, The TES takes a critical look at the way TVEI is working.

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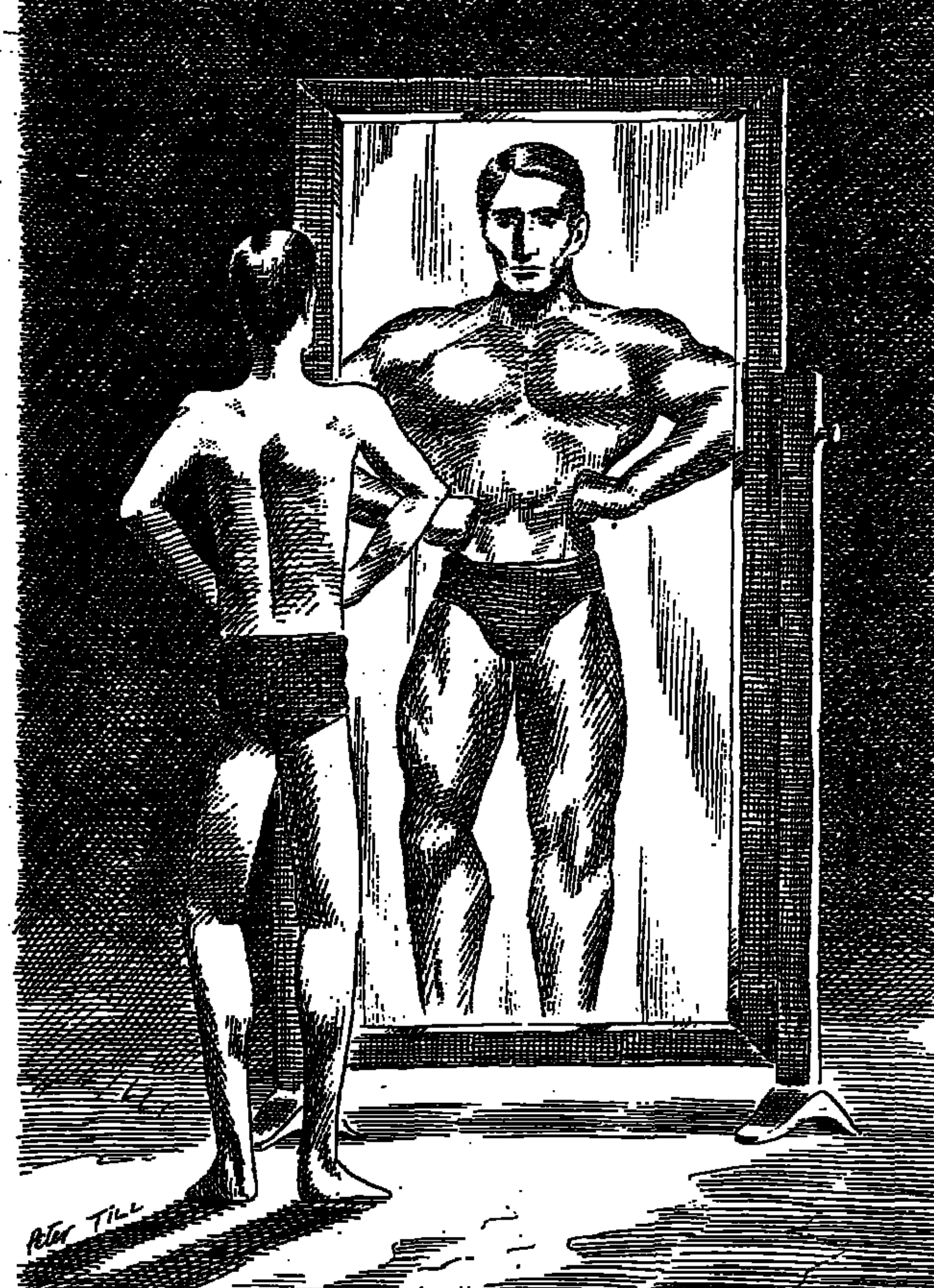
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A handful do not. They misrepresent the products they are advertising.

As the Advertising Standards Authority it is our job to make sure these ads are identified, and stopped.



WHAT MAKES AN ADVERTISEMENT MISLEADING?

If a training course had turned a 7 stone weakling into Mr Universe the fact could be advertised because it can be proved.

But a promise to build 'you' into a 15 stone he-man would have us flexing our muscles because the promise could not always be kept.

'Makes you look younger' might be a reasonable claim for a cosmetic.

But pledging to 'take years off your life' would be an overclaim akin to a promise of eternal youth.

A garden centre's claim that its seedlings would produce 'a riot of colour in just a few days' might be quite contrary to the reality.

Such flowery prose would deserve to be pulled out by the roots.

If a brochure advertised a hotel as being '5 minutes walk to the beach,' it must not require an Olympic athlete to do it in the time.

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HOW DO WE JUDGE THE ADS WE LOOK INTO?

Our yardstick is The British Code of Advertising Practice.

Its 500 rules give advertisers precise practical guidance on what they can and cannot say. The rules are also a gauge for media owners to assess the acceptability of any advertising they are asked to publish.

The Code covers magazines, newspapers, cinema commercials, brochures, leaflets, posters, circulars posted to you, and now commercials on video tapes.

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WHY IT'S A TWO-WAY PROCESS

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That is why we keep a continuous check on advertising. But because of the sheer volume, we cannot monitor every advertiser all the time.

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Our first step is to ask advertisers who we or the public challenge to back up their claims with solid evidence.

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WHOSE INTERESTS DO WE REALLY REFLECT?

The Advertising Standards Authority was not created by law and has no legal powers.

Not unnaturally some people are sceptical about its effectiveness.

In fact the Advertising Standards Authority was set up by the advertising business to make sure the system of self control worked in the public interest.

For this to be credible, the ASA has to be totally independent of the business.

Neither the chairman nor the majority of ASA council members is allowed to have any involvement in advertising.

Though administrative costs are met by a levy on the business, no advertiser has any influence over ASA decisions.

Advertisers are aware it is as much in their own interests as it is in the public's that honesty should be seen to prevail.

If you would like to know more about the ASA and the rules it seeks to enforce you can write to us at the address below for an abridged copy of the Code.

The Advertising Standards Authority. ✓
If an advertisement is wrong, we're here to put it right.

ASA Ltd, Dept. T, Brook House, Torrington Place, London WC1E 7HN.

A Diamond is forever, says the advertising slogan, and those who deal in that most emotive of gemstones intend to ensure that it remains so. Thus Angola's Marxist regime, its guerrilla enemies and South African capitalists form a bizarre cartel

The dirt on the face of the diamond

By Richard Dowden

The Hercules thundered through the African night, 24,000ft above the endless scrub and bush. The pilot read a novel. The loadmaster made fresh coffee and sorted out by satellite link a house purchase with his wife in Texas. In a great white tank in the hold behind us was a 20,000-litre load of fuel.

Flying from Luanda, capital of Africa's most Marxist-Leninist state, the American-crewed Hercules flies a non-stop shuttle bringing oil, food and spare parts to Dundo, on the banks of one of the Congo tributaries and the heart of Angola's diamond mines. The diamonds themselves leave by other means. As the four huge turbo-prop engines changed note and we slid down towards Dundo, the pilot, a Vietnam war veteran, radioed for the airstrip lights to be switched on. "Sometimes at this time of year we can't see them for all the dust and smoke from the dry season bush fires", he said. "We just have to circle until we find them".

One week later, as it prepared to land at Dundo on a midnight trip, this plane vanished without a word. After a two-week search, pieces of wreckage were found about 70 miles away.

A week earlier I had stood in a panelled, plush-carpeted room in Charterhouse Street, London, looking at a lump of what seemed like yellowish ice in my hand.

"You are holding about a quarter of a million pounds' worth of diamond," said the gentleman from the Diamond Trading Company. Inside its *unmarked fortress off Holborn Circus*, De Beers, which owns the Diamond Trading Company and the Central Selling Organization, the only large wholesaler in the trade, keeps the biggest store of uncut diamonds in the world. As he said, the diamond has great power to corrupt. Unlike gold, which is heavy, or drugs, which can be sniffed out, diamonds can be easily hidden or swallowed. A fortune will not fill an envelope. European customs do not need to know where they come from. At Heathrow a carrier merely has to declare them for VAT

On June 6 this year, *The Times* published a report saying that Angola was losing millions of pounds a year from diamond theft and smuggling, and that the scandal could bring down the MPLA government in Luanda. At the same time, Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader fighting a guerrilla war against the Angolan government, claimed to have a hand in the smuggling and also threatened to attack the mines. He said that British mine police were manning helicopter gunships to protect the workings. I assume that it was to counter some of these tales that I was invited to visit the mines, the first Western journalist to do so since independence in *1975*.

The paradoxes turned out to be endless. The inertial navigation systems of the Hercules gave our estimated time of arrival to the second, while below us in scattered mud hut villages the inhabitants still eked out an Iron Age existence.

The plane carried a United States flag, but Washington does not recognize the Angolan government. Sometimes at Luanda airport it has to line up with Russian Antonov troop-carriers in a queue for fuel. Transamerica, the airline that owned the plane, is known to have CIA links

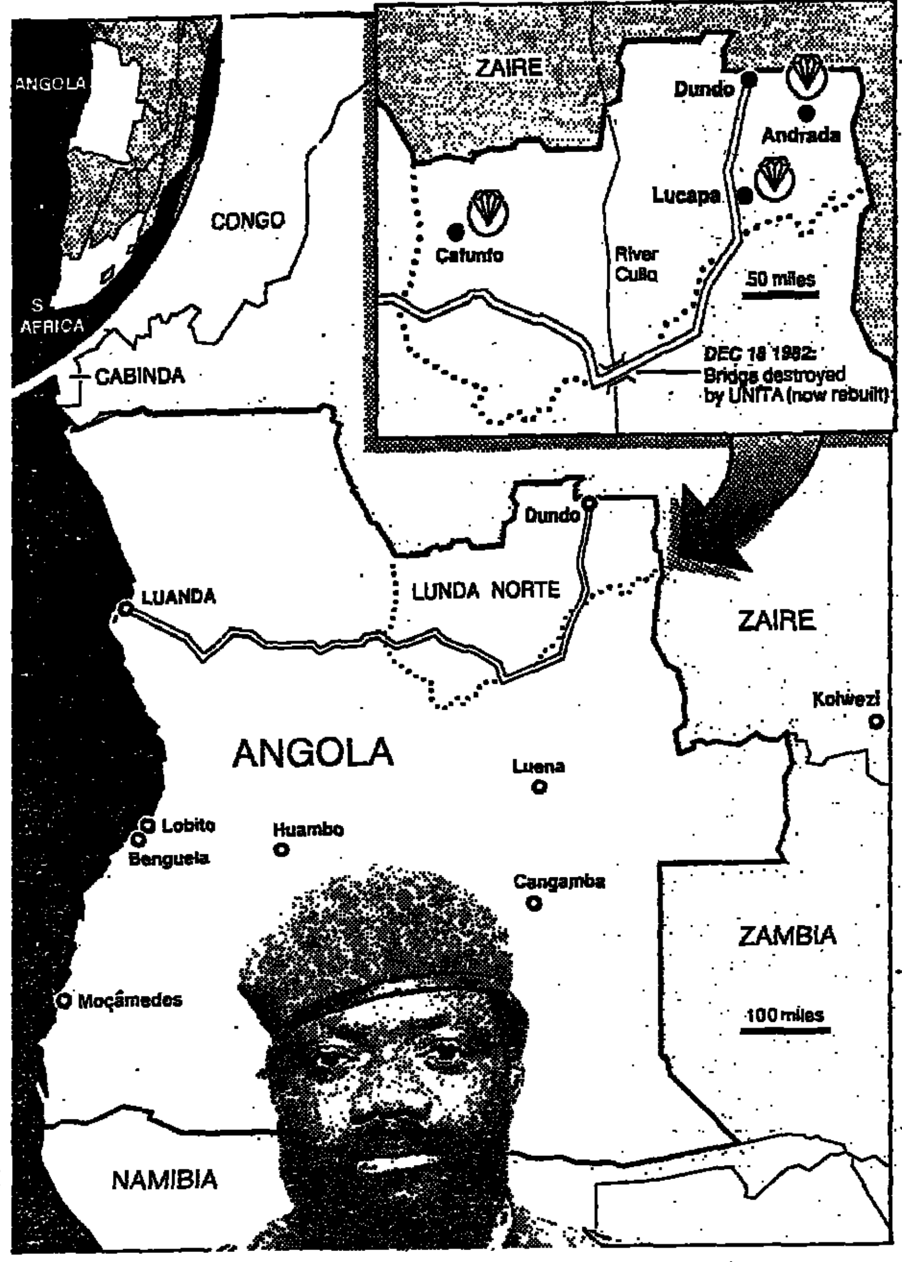
The Angolan mines, nationalized by a government which is defended by Russian and Cuban forces, are now supervised by a front company for De Beers of South Africa, the epitome of international capitalism. Sir Philip Oppenheimer, chairman of the Diamond Trading Company, who is on the board of Diamang, the Angolan diamond company, visits Angola regularly, as do senior De Beers executives, who fly up from Johannesburg to inspect the operation. Meanwhile their country's army occupies part of southern Angola and launches bloody forays against it.

The best guard is for the chickens

Dundo, the centre of the multi-million pound mining operation, is an oasis in *the bush. It is the capital of Lunda* Norte province, which is about the size of Ireland and has a population of between 300,000 and 500,000. It is served by eight buses. No tarmac road *reaches it*.

Dundo itself is a sleepy, colonial-style administrative centre with spacious bungalows laid out amid well-kept lawns along tree-shaded avenues. The main administrative offices house a sophisticated computer; the director's house, which was occupied by the holidaying Minister of Industry when I was there, has a Limoges dinner service said to have been made for Nappleon.

The best-guarded buildings here *house the chickens. The chicken farm has* an electricallly charged fence around it, of a voltage sufficient to kill a man. Around the sorting houses, where the diamonds are finally picked, there are security fences and armed guards, but around the power station, the most vulnerable part of the whole operation, the fence would barely keep out a fox. One rocket among the water-driven turbines would end Angola's diamond production.





The mining heartland of Angola and Jonas Savimbi, leader of the Unita guerrillas, (left) who claims a hand in the diamond smuggling. Above, a *fistful of diamonds*. Workers will readily swap a diamond for a new pair of shoes. A motor bike is a fair price.

At Dundo airport there was not a single military aircraft. The Angolans are clearly not taking Savimbi's boasts very seriously, although on December 18 last year a three-span bridge over the River Cuilo, on the main road *from Luanda to Dundo, was blown up* and lorries on that route are continually being attacked by rocket fire.

Unita's claims have caused some anxiety, though. Early on the morning of April 6 this year Peter Heap, manager of the Lucapa mine, 50 miles south of Dundo, was telephoned by a colleague farther up the road. The BBC World Service had just announced that Unita had claimed the capture of Lucapa.

"I went and looked out of the window. *Everything seemed quite so I* went off to work as usual", said Heap, a 35-year-old Yorkshireman who lives there with his wife and two small children. "A Unita attack is a worry but not a preoccupation."

The diamonds and the 700 or so expatriates (including 120 Britons) who work on the mines may, however, be better protected than at first appears. On November 17 last year employees of a shadowy British firm called Defence Systems International arrived at the mines, ostensibly to help to stop smuggling. But the men, who *are* still there, have military backgrounds, and many of them are ex-SAS. One told me he had been recruited privately and had no experience of preventive security operations. Like all expatriates, he denied having any access to weapons.

An attack from across the Zaire border is a much greater worry. The first town across the border is Kolwezi, where in *1977 and 1978 mine* workers were attacked and killed by Zairean exiles who had been living in Angola.

Where De Beers has been solely concerned to stop smuggling, it has employed tough and dramatic methods – and, as in the case of Fred Kamil, tough and dramatic people. Kamil, a *Lebanese* who had been the godfather and bandit chief of the smugglers' trail that took diamonds from Sierra Leone to Liberia, was hired by De Beers in 1956 to end the smuggling. He did this *by ambushing the caravans. Later he fell* out with De Beers, tried to hijack an aircraft to extort money from them, and has claimed responsibility for the recent bomb attacks aimed at Oppenheimer interests in London.

The diamond trade is not an easy one to investigate. I asked the Department of Trade for a briefing about it. Their representative phoned back to say it was a one-company business and that the company in question, De Beer, demanded that all the information it gave the department should be held in confidence. The spokesman conceded that information on no other commodity was suppressed at the request of a private company.

She said she had phoned De Beers to ask whether it could help me, but gathered from the company that I had already been in touch." I had. Charming and courteous it was, but De Beers keep the secrets of the diamond trade as well protected as the diamonds.

The only loser in the diamond trade seems to be the lovelorn sucker who buys an engagement ring. The price of diamonds is controlled by De Beers. It owns many of the chief gem mines, makes exclusive contracts with the owners of the other mines and buys up whatever else appears on the open market. Much of it goes into the stockpile with which it manipulates the market. "Producer cooperative" is the phrase De Beers itself uses to describe the business, but it does not quite express the control it enjoys over the trade. Handling more than 80 per cent of all uncut gems it exerts enormous influence over the cutters and dealers. De Beers can prevent their buying elsewhere by threatening to withhold their regular supply, and discourage a second-hand trade so that diamonds do not keep their value.

No other commodity has ever been so tightly controlled by one man. De Beers is part of the Anglo American and Consolidated Goldfields groups, all sections of which are controlled by Harry Oppenheimer, the self-effacing, liberal monarch of the transnational, South African-based mineral empire.

Not even giants such as the Soviet Union or Zaire have managed to break the De Beers' cartel. Nor do they choose to leave it. It would not benefit any diamond producer to allow the diamond to find its own production or price levels in the market place. Angola is a new-born state ravaged by war and *its leaders know little of the diamond* world. It is at the mercy of De Beers.

Diamonds were first discovered in Angola in 1912. They are among the finest gems in the world. The Portuguese mined them until *1975*, when they were producing more than two million carats a year. In the chaos that followed independence and the nationalization of the private Portuguese holding, production dropped to less than half a million carats in 1977. Although the Government now owns 77.21 per cent of the shares in the diamond company, and De Beers owns *only 1.6 per cent, Angola has been* forced to turn to De Beers not only to sell its diamonds but also to mine them.

Mining and Technical Services, another De Beers company, is incorporated in Liechtenstein but its London office backs on to the De Beers complex at Holborn Circus. It was formed in the early 1960s to deal with black African countries for whom a direct relationship with a South African company was politically out of the question. Angola, where the company has operated since 1977, is its *biggest and most sensitive operation*.

The Portuguese mined the river beds *but now De Beers insists that the Angolan* company mines the alluvial terraces. River beds such as the one at Dunge, the furthest west of all the mines, offer dramatic but unpredictable results. The river has been diverted by a great dam and the ravine excavated. At the bottom the heavy diamonds, battered and sifted by aeons of annual floods, have gathered into nooks where they can be found by the score. At times there is one Angolan



Sir Philip Oppenheimer, a regular visitor to Angola, as is the South African army

H F Oppenheimer, self effacing liberal monarch in control of a transnational mineral empire

guard, armed with a Russian-made Klashnikov rifle, for each Angolan worker. One worker had been shot a few days before I arrived. It was not clear that he had been smuggling.

Angola does have a serious smuggling problem. According to Sr Alberto Bento Ribeiro, the *Minister of Industry*, Angola has lost $100m of diamond revenue in the past 18 months through smuggling, possibly one third of total production. Diamang, he said, will make no profit this year – an extraordinary situation for a diamond producer.

As we drove south by Land Cruiser along the straight red-dirt road which rolls over the hills to Lucapa, we passed a new motor-cycle weaving unsteadily in the other direction. Des Jenkin, the security adviser with MATS, wrinkled his nose, "A sure sign of smuggling", he said. "The workers will swap a diamond for a new pair of shoes. A motor *bike is* quite a good price."

In the past nine months the Angolans have curbed the flow from the sorting houses. Seventy members of the Department of Diamond Security (DSD) have been on security courses at Brocket Hall in Hertfordshire.

The DSD is responsible to the *Ministry of Internal Security and* it is led in Lunda province by a short, tough, arrogant man called Rodriguez, who looks as though he was born with an automatic pistol at his belt. While I was interviewing the local governor in his own house, Rodriguez wandered in without knocking and took over the answers. He told me that more than 400 people had been arrested for smuggling this year and that some trials had already taken place. He clearly does not trust the foreign workers.

'We don't ask too many questions'

Some of the men arrested have been *Portuguese or* Angolan airline pilots, and so far that is the limit of the trail. Some observers say that senior party officials have been caught smuggling and the President Eduardo dos Santos has ordered a cover-up. There is no evidence that this is so. The MPLA government might survive such a scandal even if it was true. Senior party officials have been ruthlessly purged for far less grave offences.

Once the diamonds have left Angola their passage is easy. No European countries need to know their source. Most of them find their way via Lisbon *to the famous Pelikenstrasse in* Antwerp, the centre of Europe's diamond cutting trade. Here De Beers representatives buy them up uncut and at every Diamang board meeting De Beers representatives tell the Angolans what has been bought on the open market. They can even tell them which mine they have come from.

De Beers says it can do nothing about the smuggling from the buying end. "We don't ask too many questions", said its spokesman. "We *simply* tell them to tighten up their security and suggest how they might do it."

Angolan officials say that De Beers buy smuggled diamonds more cheaply than contract ones but De Beers denies this and points out that smuggled diamonds come sixth-hand and each wants a rake off. One former De Beers employee said that De Beers was primarily interested in control, the short-term price was secondary to that. He also suggested that the dealers in smuggled diamonds were far better valuers than Angola's and would get a better price.

This may prove to be Angola's long-term problem rather than smuggling. Diamond prices are fixed by a De Beer's sample parcel against which uncut stones are sorted and priced. Every stone over 14 carats is individually negotiated. Sorting and valueing is a skill which can be learnt only by years of experience of diamonds and De Beers methods. Angola has to use an agent to do this vital job at *present* but is having 12 Angolans trained in the basic techniques. Predictably the training is being conducted by De Beers.

The final say *over the value of* a diamond lies with De Beers, and since the difference between one category and another may be as much as $30, an overall undervaluation can result in a loss of *thousands of dollars* for the producer. De Beers make sure that the producer cannot find out the price at which they sell the diamonds to the dealers, so that they cannot learn by experience.

A South African company has a puppet-master's control over Angola's second largest foreign exchange earner. Angola spends more than half at foreign exchange fighting a war against Unita, the South African backed rebel group, and against South Africa itself which seems determined to bring down the Luanda government. No wonder there is paranoia in Angola.

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moreover...
Miles Kington

Rouge et noir all round

My daughter opened the current *Tatler* yesterday and flew into a rage. Her wrath was caused by a clothes feature based on the supposed Russian look, with lots of reds and blacks splashed around. I couldn't see anything to object to in it.

"I'm *not objecting to the idea*", *she said*. "It's just that my friend Polly and I have been wearing reds and blacks for the last ten months, and now *they* come along and pretend it was their idea."

There is something peculiarly painful about being ahead of a trend. All those people who had been shouting the praises of ragtime from the rooftops, unheard, must have experienced very bitter-sweet emotions when Joshua Rifkin came along and made Scott Joplin famous overnight. My son, who is experimenting with his personal appearance at an age when I didn't even know I had one, stared open-mouthed the other day at a TV film of the Arsenal team of 1934.

"What *amazingly* brilliant haircuts," he said. "They were 50 years ahead of their time."

Of course, Arsenal didn't know that at the time. What must be equally painful is trying to set a trend and not seeing it take off. I was talking to a man last year who works for IDV and couldn't understand why J & B whisky, a market leader in the States, hadn't really taken off here. He asked me what Scotch I drank and I told him it was Famous Grouse.

"But *why* is it Famous Grouse?"

"Well," I said lamely", "quite a lot of my *friends* mentioned it to me, and said it was *the* Scotch, so I thought I'd try...."

"Ah, the word of mouth method!" he cried. "*That's the way to do it. But how did they* do it? Ah, the cunning devils."

It's true. The word of mouth thing does work. People occasionally whisper to me that *the* malt whisky is the Macallan, which I became convinced of, till people started whispering to me that Cardhu was *the* malt whisky. I even went out and bought a bottle of Cardhu, and indeed it was very good; my children, temporarily abandoning clothes and haircuts, tested it and urged me to buy some more. But in all these cases I was behind a trend already. What I'd like to be, fleetingly *and unworthily, is just ahead of a trend*.

I thought I was last week when I encountered Chaberlay Nouveau, an interesting red wine from Burgundy which can get here six weeks before Beaujolais Nouveau and may well make inroads into it. But before I could put pen to paper it was already being written about, so it is no good to me as a trend; I am already four or five days behind.

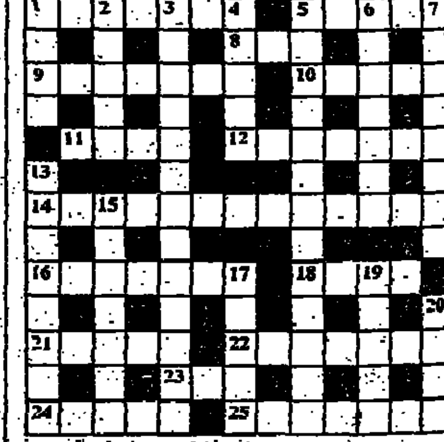
And then it suddenly occurred to me that there is one trend I am ahead of and will always be ahead of. Pisco. Pisco is a Peruvian spirit, colourless and strong, *which I encountered in Peru three years* ago in the shape of pisco sour, a sort of cocktail made from frothed egg white, *lime juice*, sugar, pisco and a touch of, *I* think, cinnamon. It is lethal and lovely, and though well known to every visitor to Peru, totally unknown over here.

This is because the Peruvians have a genius amounting almost to the British genius for developing things and not letting the rest of the world know about it. It is as if, having given us the potato, Peru lay back exhausted and thought its world role was finished.

Last Saturday I went as a tourist to the newly revamped Harrods Food Halls, and there asked in the wine department for a bottle of pisco. They had a tremendously ugly black bottle, carved in the shape of an Inca image, *and made in Italy*. "But we are expecting stocks from South America soon of Chilean pisco," the man said.

Chilean pisco! What an outrage. It is like boasting of English whisky or French stout. The Chileans and the Peruvians have never got on very well, being next door neighbours, and to make it worse *the Chileans have always been a touch* more enterprising, but when it comes to marketing a Peruvian drink .... Still, it *solves my problem. I am ahead of the* Peruvian pisco trend and If Peru keeps up its present marketing strategy, I *always will be. How nice to be able* to plug an unavailable drink, and thus be innocent of all PR pressure.

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ACROSS
1 *Brawl* (5,2)
5 City of depravity (5)
8 Japanese sash (3)
9 Ancient paper (7)
10 Boundary (5)
11 Round-topped cap (4)
12 Voter (7)
14 Unruly word use (13)
16 Divide into three (7)
18 Aromatic Indian plant (4)
21 Short surplice (5)
22 Battering (7)
23 Geographical drawing (3)
24 *Dawn* (5)
25 Frog larva (7)

DOWN
1 *Bishop of Rome* (4)
2 Weir flow (5)
3 Storm lantern (9,4)
4 Sheriff's aides (5)
5 Well spoken (6,7)
6 Popular (7)
7 Adultly (8)
13 Magistrates (8)
15 Shine by reflexion (7)
17 Entice (5)
19 One-horned animal (5)
20 Giant (4)

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FRIDAY PAGE

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Preventing cot deaths



The deaths of four month old Samantha and Gabrielle Connelly last weekend bring home once again the horrors of cot death.

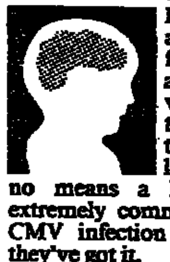
In spite of a vast amount of research doctors still do not know why the victims die. They can suspect only breathing difficulties or digestion problems.

At Sheffield Children's Hospital and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, however, doctors have taken a different approach for ten years now. Instead of seeking a cause for cot deaths they are trying to prevent them.

Since 1973 the doctors assessing ways of spotting children in danger have found that babies born to young mothers who already have several children are most at risk. The extra attention these babies have received in Sheffield over the years has prevented at least 50 cot deaths in the city, they estimate.

Now doctors in other parts of the country are trying out the system.

Danger bug



Doctors in Britain and America are facing a tough task as they try to find a vaccine for one of the oldest viruses in the world cytomegalovirus (CMV) is by no means a killer bug, but is extremely common. People with a CMV infection hardly ever know they've got it.

But its now known that problems can arise when pregnant women pick up CMV. In around one in 20 the virus passes over the placenta and causes brain damage to the foetus.

According to Dr Paul Griffiths, CMV expert and senior lecturer in virology at the Royal Free Hospital in London, in the UK alone CMV is responsible for around 400 mentally handicapped babies a year – this is more than german measles.

The difficulty is that CMV, like other viruses in the herpes group to which it belongs, has learned to survive in the body even when the immune system has produced antibodies. Dr Griffiths and other workers are trying to find out if these antibodies can at least stop CMV from getting across the placenta.

Light rash



If you have a skin condition that makes you extremely sensitive to light and you are due for an operation don't forget to mention this to your hospital doctors. A warning to surgeons to look out for people who are sensitive to operating lights has come from doctors in Liverpool.

A healthy man of 19 was admitted to the Walton Hospital for a routine hernia repair. Just five minutes into the operation, however, sureons noticed a nasty rash on his light-exposed skin. The quick-thinking team remembered that the patient had a rare skin condition which meant he had to keep out of the sun. They switched off the lights, finished the operation in daylight and within three hours the young man's skin was back to normal.

Euthanasia issue



Euthanasia for handicapped children is possibly the most contentious ethical issue of the last couple of years. Many dilemmas raised by the medical and legal professions continue to reverberate in general discussions.

A challenging report of the views of 78 parents of Down's Syndrome children has appeared in the most recent issue of the *Journal of Medical Ethics*. The parents, who clearly have much more direct experience of the consequences of present practice than any professional, were questioned on their opinions on abortion for handicapped foetuses as well as euthanasia. For compassionate reasons the differences between active and passive euthanasia were not pressed. Most of the parents were in favour of abortion for handicapped foetuses, though the picture was much more complicated for euthanasia. Parents were more likely to consider acceptable euthanasia for severely handicapped babies if they were from prosperous households than those parents in lower social classes. But if the handicapped was Down's there was no such clear-cut divide.

Cold comfort



One of the most distressing side effects of anti-cancer therapy is rapid loss of hair. Cytotoxic drugs are intended to destroy cancer cells but, as well as wiping out the baddies, because their action is indiscriminate they knock out many other active cells – including hair follicles.

Over the last two years some patients have been spared the distress by wearing a "cold cap" while the drugs are injected.

The patient's hair is usually dampened to improve conduction and the cap is put in place about 20 minutes before the injection until about 30 minutes after. This chills the scalp so the blood supply to the hair follicles is temporarily suspended while the drug is "fixed" in other parts of the body.

Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser

SAS Captain John Hamilton died heroically in the Falklands. His wife recalls the happy times – and the sad ones

The big softie who fought to the last

Victoria Hamilton: "People said it was a good thing he was dead as he was just a trained killer"

A half smile flickers across the face of Victoria Hamilton as she sorts through the few precious photographs of her life with Captain John Hamilton, MC of the Special Air Service, who died a hero in the last days of the Falkands war. "We both knew he was going to die, that he wasn't coming back", she says.

"John just would not let go of my hand when it was time finally to go. He said he might be going to war and might not be coming back, and 'Thank you for being such a super wife'. He said 'I can go knowing you're behind me all the way'. His men had to say 'Come on Boss' to get him to let go. Then they drove away."

Captain Hamilton was concerned about the effect his career in the SAS had on his wife: "He only joined knowing I would be happy letting him go and I realized all the dangers but I also know how much he enjoyed it. John could appreciate how in some ways being in the SAS is a very selfish thing. But he cancelled once and was so miserable.

"After he was killed it upset me very much that people came up to me and said it was a good thing he was dead as he was just a trained killer. I even stopped having my hair done. When people find out your husband is in the SAS they think you're not human."

A favourite photograph shows her next to a Valentine bouquet sent while he was climbing Mount Kenya and she was staying with her diplomat parents in Trinidad. Members of Hamilton's SAS mountain troop, all now dead, clown in a mountain top snap. Had they survived the Falklands they would have attempted to climb Everest next year. Hamilton, she says, was never happier than when his yellow Renault 4 was loaded with climbing gear heading for an exacting mountain.

"But he was a big softie. He liked nothing better than curling up in front of the television with his sweetie jar, me and his English setter Marcus. He always found things funny wherever he was, and John was the giggliest person I have ever known.

"Sometimes he would come home in fits of laughter after something funny happened at work. He would creep into the kitchen pretending to be the Pink Panther after food, but always letting me know he was there."

Born in Harrogate, Yorkshire, Hamilton was educated at the Royal Masonic Schools: motto *Aude, Vide, Tace* – Hear, See and Be Silent. Close friends at school were surprised he had become an SAS man. They knew a very quiet boy who wanted to become a doctor but whose A levels were not good enough.

After a year off, he finally drifted into the Green Howards, mostly because of his fascination with the lonely sport of climbing. "He used to try to get me climbing mountains", says his wife. "'If I am killed on a mountain, he would say, 'I want you to know why I had to do it'. One day the only way I could get him to come down was to take my boots off and throw them down the mountain. Then he had to carry me."

> I owe it to him to carry on. I don't want to let him down

They met in Berlin at a Green Howards curry lunch while Victoria's father was a diplomat there: "Our honeymoon was in Austria, climbing of course. He was a terribly physical person. He used to make his men at the Green Howards run with sand-weighted belts and when he left they gave him one for his dog Marcus." Not surprisingly Marcus has remained at the SAS barracks in Hereford; probably the only place on earth he can get the exercise he is used to.

Hamilton regarded his military career very seriously and it took him to Cyprus, South Armagh, Belize and even the French Commando School at Trier: "But he never broke a bone, he was so careful", his widow says.

He is unique in being the first of more than 30 SAS troopers to die a "soldier's death". Many think he should have got the VC, but viewed at a distance it was a rather perplexing "sacrifice", which is how even official reports refer to it.





Above: Captain Hamilton, and right, his grave in the Falklands. He was buried by the islanders

A senior Falklands official, who had close contact with the SAS, said that the Argentines who surrounded the two men waited for one of them to go to the latrine before shooting Hamilton in the back in the hills near Port Howard. "There is some truth in that story", said Mr Robin Lee, of Port Howard, who helped bury Hamilton. "It was the reason why the radio was not being manned.

"We discovered that there were four SAS, two that went to observe the Argies and two who stayed back. That was Hamilton and a Fijian sergeant. They were surrounded and taken by surprise. The Argies told us later of how John fought to the last."

"He was medically minded and probably realized he was not going to come through", said Victoria. "The only possible way out would have been the water. I have seen it; it was very cold and they wouldn't have survived." So in the knowledge of almost certain death he fought on. Victoria has a picture of this other Hamilton, a stern warrior with an automatic rifle.

"I worry about the time between when he was shot in the back and the shot that killed him. Did he worry about me and the dog before he was killed? I hope not. He did not go out there to be killed, but if he had to die he would have preferred to die properly as he did, fighting the enemy", she says.

"To go down in history as one of the best officers to wear the SAS badge would have meant so much to him. His life and death have a meaning. We loved each other so much it does not matter if that was what he wanted." But there is an unspoken tension between being proud of her husband "dying well" and wondering why he chose to die at all.

In his personal diary Hamilton often wrote a few words of love for his wife. He also carefully listed the numbers and types of aircraft he blew to pieces on Pebble Island. But there is no clue as to what he felt.

The colonel who commanded the Argentine troops later said of him: "He is without doubt the most courageous man I have ever seen", and asked for a flag to bury him. The truculent locals wouldn't give him one and later reburied Hamilton themselves.

The Argentines gave back Hamilton's belongings. "It all came with a long list in Spanish", said Victoria. "They even spelt his name right. They sent back a picture of us taken on Ilkley Moor which was in a plastic wallet with some of my hair. They were not really meant to carry rings and things. They even gave back his watch.

"When the really dreadful helicopter crash occurred at sea I went to see other wives. In a way it prepared me for what happened. One has to accept people being killed. John and I sat down and talked about what I would do if he were killed doing so and so. You have to, but you never really know what will you do. For six months I was numb. But John died so bravely I owe it to him to carry on. I don't want to let him down."

Paul Pickering

My sour taste of Honey

COMMENT

Carol Sarler

Until last month I was the editor of *Honey* magazine. For three years I had the dubious privilege of holding this title; for three years I worked with the staff to make *Honey* different from other magazines directed at young women; for three years we struggled – and in the end failed – to prove the obvious to our owners (IPC); you simply cannot perceive all women as creatures with no interests beyond their love life and their "split ends."

Naturally, we did address the problems of relationships, fashion and beauty. But we did more than that. Our doctors and nurses may have fallen in love in our fiction; our feature writers tackled the burning issue of private medicine. Yes, we did profile the glam film stars; we also profiled Timothy Mo and Harriet Harman. There was plenty of news about cosmetics; and news, too, about the ecological destruction needed to make some of them.

Not so much a spare rib, more a succulent casserole with a dozen ingredients. *Honey* lived as a support and a friend to the 150,000 women who rushed out to by it every month because it accurately reflected their own breadth of vision.

It was a bright and exciting time for all of us who were involved. But it came to an abrupt end last month when, out of the blue, I was sacked. The reason? They have market research, they say, which proves that women don't want what we put on offer – they only want fashion and beauty spiced with a bit of emotion and romance.

"But the circulation is down!" shrieked the accountants in support of the dismissal. Well yes, it was. So is everybody's. But it never went below the 150,000 mark – more, many more than the circulation of *Vogue*, *The Tatler*, *Over 21* and countless others.

In other words, it is perfectly possible to market for less than the entire mass of British womanhood.

So why do IPC not want to? There are obviously a lot of complex areas one could explore to answer this, but in the space available here, there's one particularly simple one I'd like to look at, and its to do with the people at the top. Among the layers and layers of executives above the editorial level of the huge women's magazine group, only one has ever worked even a single day as a journalist. The rest are recruited from marketing/promotions/finance/advertising and other divisions, and approach the selling of magazines as no different from the selling of cat food.



"A lot of the men didn't like me or what I stood for"

And even more telling, among those layers and layers of top people whose whole business is publishing for women, only two are women. The rest are men operating in a world of men. The other half of magazines, as we all know, is advertising. The people who decide whether or not to take a page of advertising are the media directors of advertising agencies – and there is not one single woman media director in any of the main agencies.

Thus we find ourselves in the ludicrous position of having newsagents' shelves full of women's magazines putting forward images and ideals of women as determined and dreamt up by men.

Some months ago, I put my male dominated theory to the managing director of the National Magazine Company (*Cosmo*, *She*, *Good Housekeeping*) and asked him how, as someone who has never been a journalist or a woman, he feels competent to hold down his job. His reply was that he can't play the piano, but that doesn't mean he can't tell when it's well played.

A lot of the men I'm talking about didn't like me or what I stood for – and that *personal* feeling constantly threatens professional judgment. This collective "He" – the body of publishing and advertising executives – is a very conservative kind of male. He likes and understands his older women as the cosy creatures of *Women's Realm* or *Women's Weekly*; he enjoys his younger women as the bushy-tailed and empty-headed teenage brats as personified in *Look Now*. These, then, are the magazines – and the editors – to whom he lends his support.

One senior IPC executive is on record as saying he "wouldn't allow" his 20-year-old daughter to read my version of *Honey*. Leaving aside the Victorian notion that fathers can still have control over their adult offspring, how can he remove his own set of ideals for his daughter from his decision whether to publish or not? And whose problem is it? His, mine – or his daughter's?

In the end, of course, probably his daughter's.

For myself, I suppose I'm destined to another hundred consecutive parties where one of these bright, thinking, advancing young women will come up to me and say sorry, they don't read women's magazines – they all seem to be meant for someone else.

TALKBACK

Quel gall

From Dina Wulfsohn, 12 Campden Grove, London

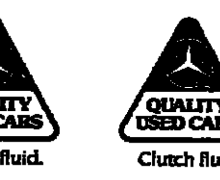
May I add to Helen Mason's foreign exchange stories? (Wednesday Page, September 28). Since our French visitation, not only has the family's English improved, but the dog is enjoying a new lease of life.

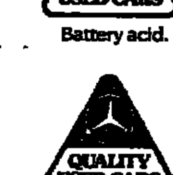
We knew that Marc was 12 years old and had been taking English for only two terms, but not that he had skipped a year, was top of his form and his idea of a fun day was seven hours of chess.

He readily supplied the odd word missing from crosswords which had stymied my own children (example: invective) and pointed out the tautology of my comparing Kensington Church Walk to a small village since "a village is by definition small".

Marc and our Jack Russell, Pip, became bosom buddies, with Marc surreptitiously slipping bits of food under the table at meals.

The increasingly undisciplined terrier finally demonstrated his contempt for the rest of us by urinating on the new cream linen dining room curtains. We sentenced him to several hours solitary in the garden, only to find Marc letting him in after about ten minutes. "No, no Marc," I cried, "we are cross with him." He seemed to genuinely believe the logic of his him." He seemed genuinely to believe the logic of his reply: "You are cross with him – I am not."

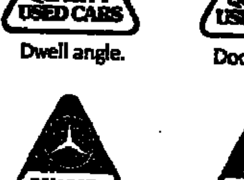












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Jury can convict of lesser offence in bodily harm cases

Regina v Wilson (Clarence)
Regina v Jenkins (E.J.)
Regina v Jenkins (R.P.)

Before Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Roskill and Lord Brightman

[Speeches delivered October 13]

On a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm contrary to section 20 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 it was open to a jury to return a verdict of not guilty as charged but guilty of occasioning actual bodily harm (contrary to section 47 of the 1861 Act).

Further, on a charge of burglary contrary to section 9 (1) (b) of the Theft Act 1968 the particulars of the offence being that the accused having entered a building as trespassers, it was open to a jury to return a verdict of not guilty as charged but guilty of assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

The House of Lords unanimously so held in allowing two appeals by prosecutors. One appeal was against the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Cantley and Mr Justice Hirst), who had quashed the conviction of Clarence Wilson *(The Times* February 7) at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court (Judge Rubin) the jury having been directed that on a charge against him under section 20 they could convict of the alternative assault offence.

The second appeal was against the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas, Mr Justice Staughton) *(The Times*, February 26) quashing the convictions of Edward John Jenkins and Ronald Patrick Jenkins at Canterbury Crown Court (Mr Recorder Michael Lewis QC) of the assault offence as an alternative on the burglary charge.

Both appeals involved considering the true construction of section 6(3) of the Criminal Law Act 1967, which provides: "Where, on a person's trial ... the jury find him *not guilty of the offence specifically* charged in the indictment, but the allegations in the indictment amount to or include (expressly or by implication) an allegation of another offence ... the jury may find him guilty of that other offence ..."

Section 20 of the 1861 Act provides: "Whoever shall unlawfully and maliciously wound or inflict any grievous bodily harm upon any other person ... shall be guilty ... [of an offence]".

Section 47 provides: "Whosoever shall be convicted ... of any assault occasioning actual bodily harm shall be liable ..."

Section 9 of the 1968 Act provides: "(1) A person is guilty of burglary if – (a) he enters any building as a trespasser with intent to commit any ... offence ... (2) ... of inflicting on any person therein any grievous bodily harm ..."

Mr Michael Hill, QC and Mr *Derek Zeitlin for the Crown in the* Wilson appeal; Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr David Guy *for Wilson*; Mr Michael Hill, QC and Mr Anthony Webb for the Crown in the Jenkins appeal; Mr *David Guy* and *Mr Gregory Stone* for the Jenkinses.

LORD ROSKILL, with whose speech all their Lordships agreed, said that before 1967 the view was widely held that at common law on a charge under section 20 of the 1861 Act a defendant might be convicted of at least common assault.

In *R v Lillis* ([1972] 2 Q B 236) a five-judge Court of Appeal stated: "The object of section 6(3) of the 1967 Act was to provide a general rule continuing and combining the rules of common law and the provisions of most of the statutes which enabled alternative verdicts to be returned *in specific cases* or types of cases".

His Lordship accepted that statement as correct. Although *Lillis* was correctly decided, it applied *R v Springfield* ((1969) 53 Cr App R 608), and the question was open whether *Springfield* was correctly decided.

In Springfield Lord Justice Sachs, who gave the judgment, said that the question arose, where an indictment charged a major offence without setting out any particulars of the matters relied on, what was the correct test for ascertaining whether it contained allegations which expressly or impliedly included an allegation of a lesser offence and that the test was to see whether it was a "necessary step towards establishing the major offence to prove the commission of the lesser offence; in other words, is the lesser offence an essential ingredient of the major one?"

"Major offences" and "lesser offences" nowhere appeared in section 6(3) which said nothing about it being "a necessary step" towards establishing the "major offence" to prove the commission of the lesser offence, so that the so-called lesser offence had to be an "essential ingredient" of the major offence.

Four possibilites were envisaged by section 6(3). First, the allegation in the indictment expressly amounted to an allegation of another offence. Second, the allegation in the indictment impliedly amounted to an allegation of another offence. Third, the allegation in the indictment expressly included an allegation of another offence. Fourth, the allegation in the indictment impliedly included an allegation of another offence.

If any one of those four requirements was fulfilled, then the accused might be found guilty of that other offence.

There was a clear antithesis in *section 6(3)* between "amount to" and "include": the word "or" which joined those two words was clearly *disjunctive* and must not be ignored. If either limb of the phrase was satisfied, then the stated consequences would follow.

Lord Justice Sachs in *Springfield* had asked the right question but he applied the wrong test in order to answer it.

The allegation of "inflicting grievous bodily harm", so far as physical injuries were concerned, at least impliedly if not indeed expressly, had to include the infliction of "actual bodily harm" because the infliction of the more serious injuries had to include the infliction of the less serious injuries.

Did the allegation of "inflicting" include an allegation of "assault".

The problem had arisen because English case law had proceeded along two different paths. One group of cases held that a verdict of assault was a possible alternative on a charge under section 20.

In the other group grievous bodily harm was said to have been inflicted without any assault having taken place, unless of course the offence of assault were to be given a much wider significance than was usually attached to it.

His Lordship was content to accept, as had the Supreme Court of Victoria in *R v Salisbury* ([1976] VR 452) that there could be an infliction of grievous bodily harm contrary to section 20 without an assault being committed.

The critical question therefore was whether – it being accepted that a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm contrary to section 20 might not necessarily involve an allegation of assault, but might nonetheless do so, and in very many cases would involve such an allegation – the allegations in a section 20 charge "include either expressly or by implication" allegations of assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

If "inflicting" could, as the cases showed, include "inflicting by assault", then even though such a charge might not necessarily do so, his Lordship did not see why on a fair reading of section 6(3) those allegations did not at least *impliedly* include "inflicting by assault". That was sufficient for present purposes although *it was also a possible view* that those former allegations expressly included the other allegations.

Once the reasoning in *Springfield* was rejected, and the reasoning in his Lordship's speech was accepted, it followed that both the judge and the recorder were correct in leaving the possibility of conviction of the section 47 offences to the jury in the cases.

If it was said that the conclusion exposed the defendant to the risk of conviction on a charge which would not have been fully investigated at the trial on the count in the indictment, the answer was that a trial judge had always to ensure, before deciding to leave the possibility of conviction of another offence to the jury under section 6(3), that that course would involve *no risk of injustice to the defendant* and that he had had the opportunity of fully meeting that alternative in *the course of his defence.*

His Lordship would allow both appeals. It followed that the convictions for offences against section 47 of the 1861 Act should be restored in both appeals.

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Authorities not needed

Foskett v Mistry

Reference to authorities in simple running down cases was unnecessary and was to be deprecated in the future, Lord Justice May said in the Court of Appeal on October 6.

The court allowed an appeal on liability by an infant plaintiff suing by his father from Mr Justice Thompson who on May 4, 1982 had given judgment for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE MAY, with whom Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice Dillon agreed, said the root of the liability was negligence which depended on the facts as Lord Dunedin said in *Fardon v Harcourt-Rivington* ((1932) 146 LT 391, 392). The inquiry was whether the defendant could be shown to have failed to take reasonable care in all the circumstances.

Refusal to hear bail plea

Regina v Dacorum Justices, Ex parte Darker

Where justices had refused to hear a bail application, the appropriate remedy would usually be to apply to the crown court or to the judge in chambers for bail, not to apply for judicial review of the justices' refusal.

Mr Justice Woolf so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on October 11 refusing the applicant leave to apply for judicial review of a refusal by *the Dacorum Justices to* entertain an application for bail which it had been sought to make *on his behalf.*

In *Rance v Elvin (The Times* October 13) senior counsel for the defendant was Mr Terence Cullen, QC.

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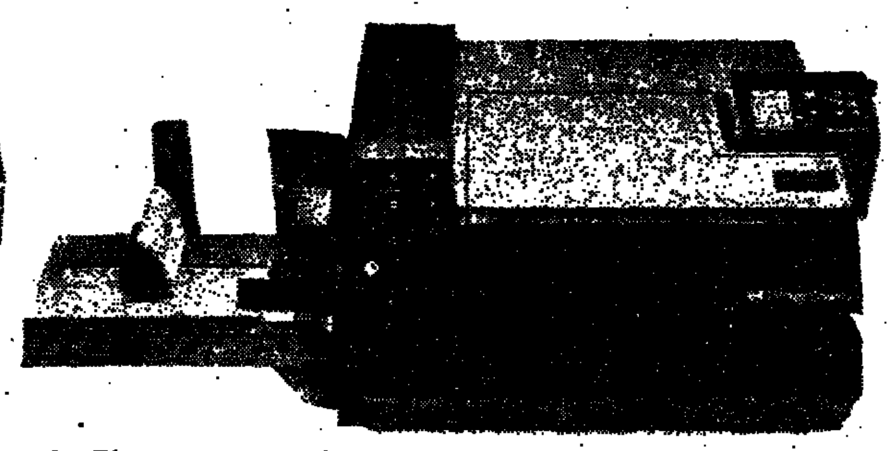
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THE ARTS

Theatre

Monstrous myth

Little Shop of Horrors
Comedy

Even without the rumour of subterranean alligators, there is a strong sense of monsters breeding down in the New York sewers, along with the corpses of extinct Broadway shows, and both horrors rise to the surface in Howard Ashman's musical.

Mr Ashman tells the tale of Seymour, backroom wonder boy in a dead-end flower shop, who saves the place from going bust by producing a *hitherto* unknown plant. 1313 Skid Row is instantly besieged with big-spending customers, the boss adopts Seymour as his son, and even the delectable sales clerk, Audrey, begins to look at him with melting eyes. The only trouble is that the plant (Audrey II) feeds exclusively on human blood, for which its appetite matches its alarming growth. Upright, Audrey II looks something like a desert cactus; nosing down to earth and roaring its rock 'n' roll demands for food, it resembles an eyeless crocodile or an amphibious green shark. Martin P. Robinson, the creator of this carnivorous vegetable, has done for cactuses what Hitchcock did for the common crow.

To begin with its eating habits fit in neatly with Seymour's plans, as they enable him to dispose of Audrey's boyfriend, a Hell's Angels dentist who knocks her about and, as the plant rightly remarks, "looks like fresh food to me". Then the nightmare gets a grip and, one by one, the boss, Audrey and Seymour himself – on the eve of getting his photograph on the cover of *Life* – go down the big red lane.

When last sighted, Audrey II has swollen to fill the entire stage, with electric blue tentacles, florets framing human heads, and cavernous maw trumpeting the threat "Here I come for you", as the audience cower among Amazonian fronds descending from the roof.

Mr Ashman has described this story as an updated version of the *Faust* legend. It could equally well apply to the Bomb, or to any doomsday discovery that is keeping a few people in business for the time being. Alternatively, you could see it as an ugly racist fable on the danger of nourishing aliens in our midst. The fact that it can cut in so many directions is proof that Mr Ashman is on to a genuine myth; and his production lets it do its own work, going straight to the point with maximum energy.

By presenting the fable as a musical, not only does he gain laughs, but also intensifies its melodramatic force by setting up the expectation of a happy ending. You expect the conscience-stricken Seymour to get the girl; you expect virtue to triumph over the lust for fame in a heroic machete battle with the plant. The same contrast is built into the designs (Edward Gianfrancesco and Tim Goodchild).

Alan Menken's score, likewise, dispenses tangos, pounding ballads and basic rock with a tongue-in-cheek naivety that allows the company full scope for sick variations; particularly from Ellen Greene's Audrey, a platinum doll lisping her dialogue and then releasing a brazen voice to slay every romantic lover within a five-mile radius.

Of Barry James, timidly contemplating his good luck from behind owlish glasses and reproving his monster protégé with the heartbroken line "You ate the only thing I ever loved", you can only say that he is one of *nature's Seymours.*

Irving Wardle

Dear Old Blighty
Coliseum, Oldham

After *Tishoo* at Wyndham's a few years ago and now this, I am starting to get a taste for Brian Thompson's comedies. Apparently rambling and tempting impatience at the time, they are also touching and leave big issues fermenting enjoyably, if confusingly, in the mind afterwards. *Dear Old Blighty* takes place in a humdrum veterans' club where the sole survivor of the Kaiser's war is about to transfer control to one of the 1939-45 generation, recently and reluctantly given membership. The incoming president is a town councillor mad on redevelopment; Jacqueline Gumm's club bar set stands in an urban wasteland of bricks from demolished streets and a multi-storey carpark, establishing the Blighty Club as a symbol for a nation facing drastic overhaul as well as one aspect of that nation's consciousness.

In the foreground however are unexpected figures: the regular barmaid (middle-aged and attractive) and her daughter, both married to dreary men, finding love elsewhere but uncertain *about* taking the plunge. Young June's angry description of comfortable suburban futility, blazingly delivered by Jane Hollowood and implicitly contrasted with the veterans' sense of identity and values, is one of the points where the planes of meaning connect. But she also represents youth revulsion from war memories, especially the former PoW (a beautifully controlled performance by Leonard Fenton) hoarding chests of documents on his Japanese tormentor. Even her cuddly boyfriend (Andrew Hay), an electrician on hand for the modernizations, believes in preventing future wars by forgetting past ones.

Taking incomprehension to the limit, skinheads vandalize the place and destroy the Japanese archive. For the archivist it proves to be a liberation, and the barmaid, equally contented, leaves club and husband for a handsome widower (Richard Steele) who has outgrown his past as well. Susan Uebel's performance, like Pat Trueman's production as a whole, is warm and benefits from being firmly rooted in a very real world where a woman setting up house with her lover worries about being seen with him in a cheap skirt and wonders if she can still make good pastry.

Anthony Masters

Opera

La Colombe
Sadler's Wells

The serendipitous baroque opera festival at Sadler's Wells – Vivaldi from Buxton, Rameau from the Bach Festival and next month Handel from the Hadel Opera Society – is interrupted this week by more recent fare from Buxton: Herbert Chappell's *James and the Giant Peach*, playing mornings and afternoons, and Gounod's *La Colombe* as an enjoyable light-hearted romp for the grown-ups.

Actually, Gounod's opera has a pretty childlish story, sewn together by Barbier and Carré in *1860 as* a warm-up for *Faust* and owing more to La Fontaine's fable than to the Boccaccio theme around which Buxton arranged this year's festival. But Stuart Burge's production whisks the tale of a down-and-out noble wastrel to a vaguely present-day setting in which Horatio and his punk companion Mazet hang out in a derelict camp-site hilariously designed by John Bynge to look like a Salvador Dali rubbish tip.

Snoo Wilson has rewriten the dialogue (the recitatives Poulenc *composed for a later* revival are not essayed) and – with Rosemary Barnes – the lyrics, to drag in self-sufficiency and Chinese takeaways. Adrian Thompson repeats his Horatio, fervent in song but fuzzy of character, and Linda Ormiston her punchy pink-haired Mazet, every word scrupulously clear, every musical line crispy projected.

To the pretensions of the *snobbish Maître Jean*, Alan Opie now brings a splendid presence, tossing off with a rich, full tone the often baroque posturings of his music. Especially welcome to this quartet is Elizabeth Harwood as the Countess Sylvia, whose quest for Horatio's dove provides the feeble mainspring of the story. She sings a virtuosic part not always steadily, but with real stylishness and wit, and commands the stage.

With all the trendy updating, one might think that Gounod would not survive. But, sensitively conducted by Anthony Hose (though the playing left something to be desired), his music emerges as the real pleasure of the evening.

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Scottish Opera is in a potentially fatal quandary: **Bryan Appleyard** reports

To go local – or to go out of business?

Opera and Scotland are going to have to make up their minds about each other. After three years of lurching from crisis to crisis Scotland's national opera company is on the brink. The issues have finally crystallized around the central question of local service versus national prestige. If the argument goes one way the general administrator will resign, if it goes the other substantial *new money will have to be* found.

The present phase of Scottish Opera's problems began in the summer of 1980 when the company slumped into a deficit of £440,000 and a recovery programme was launched. All seemed to be progressing well and a new general administrator – John Cox, who had been director of productions at Glyndebourne for 10 years – was appointed. He took up his post in July last year and by October he had discovered that the recovery programme was wildly off course. Scottish Opera was heading for a deficit of about £800,000 at the end of the year.

***Cox cut back as much as he could,* but it was too late, and the feared deficit materialized. Only with the aid of a grant of £235,000 from Glasgow, and another £400,000 squeezed out of the Government's £5m one-off payment for the arts earlier this year, could the company survive. But that still left them well in the red.**

This year Cox has restricted the company to six performances each of eight operas at their Glasgow base – the 1,500-seat Theatre Royal – and some English touring, the marginal costs of which are covered by the Arts Council in London. What is all too obviously missing is any Scottish touring, which is the key role for the company laid down by the Scottish Arts Council.

The SAC's subsidy comes to just under £2.4m this year, representing 21 per cent of the council's total budget. It has no intention of letting that percentage rise. Meanwhile local authority money has dwindled from £170,000 four years ago to £90,000 last year. On these figures Scottish Opera has a choice: it can restrict itself to 38 performances in Glasgow next year, with some English touring, or it can tour in Scotland with ruthlessly restricted production costs.

For Cox the latter is not a serious alternative. It would mean the end of the company as a distinguished representative of the nation and a serious world-ranking production house. He would resign on the basis that it is not the sort of company he was contracted to run.

The SAC has threatened to cut the subsidy completely unless the company knuckles under and becomes a local, low-cost tourer. At present these are the extreme parameters of the negotiation, but Cox has forced the pace by saying, in the company's yearbook, that this season may be the last, and by dumping the company's detailed proposals for next season in the SAC's lap. The ball is now in its court.

***The pressure could yet be eased if* a meeting with George Younger, the Secretary of State for Scotland, later this month produces anything. Hopes are reasonably high as it was an appeal to Younger which brought the £400,000 earlier in the year. And both sides are agreed that more money is what is required.**

But the wider significance of the crisis lies first in the questions it raises about the regional policy on arts subsidy. As the result of a long-standing anomaly Welsh National Opera receives £1m more in subsidy than Scottish Opera, because it accepts London money on a base arrangement – involving contributions to production costs – rather than a marginal-cost arrangement for its productions in England. The SAC rejected this some years ago, wishing to retain its autonomy as the sole funder of the Scottish arts companies. Scottish Opera is now paying the price of the SAC's national pride and is frankly more inclined to support the proposals of the Priestley Scrutiny on the English national companies – that funds should come direct from central government.

Secondly, of course, it raises the whole question of the regional commitment to this most expensive of all the arts. Rumbles have been heard from the SAC about what role something as exravagant and non-indigenous as opera has in its country. There is, of course, no short answer, which leaves us back where we started: opera and Scotland are going to have to make up their minds about each other.

Cinema

Richness of moral speculation

Blow to the Heart
ICA Cinema

In the White City (15)
Phoenix East Finchley

At First Sight (15)
Academy 1

Eve (18)
Electric Cinema

Young Giants (U)
Classic Haymarket

Gianni Amelio is an experienced film-maker who nevertheless only emerges from the forests of television film production – where the wood is generally obscured by the trees – with his eighth feature film, Blow to the Heart *(Colpire al cuore)*. Ostensibly it is about terrorism and its effects on ordinary people and ordinary sensibilities; but even before the film was begun terrorism was yesterday's news in Italy, and the film is about more fundamental human and social relationships.

Both in style and subject – the relations of a son and a father who proves a fallen idol – the film has similarities to the early works of Bernardo Bertolucci, a director Amelio evidently greatly admires. Emilio, serious, a diligent student, as morally intransigent as it is only possible to remain at 16 or so, is the son of Dario (Jean-Louis Trintignant, who played Bertolucci's Conformist). Emilio is puzzled and troubled when his father entertains two of his students – a young couple with a baby – in the country. Later he sees the young man shot dead as a terrorist. Suspicious of his father's involvement with the couple, he reports him to the police. Later, dissatisfied with his father's explanations, he spies on his meetings with the girl student, and finally denounces both of them.

It is a reversal of the familiar conflict of the generations. Here it is the younger generation which is setting itself in judgment (albeit with inadequate understanding and experience of human hearts and human frailty) over the parents; and the parents whose compromises and evasion of traditional family responsibilities are in question. Dario blames himself (rightly enough) for failing to "watch" the boy; but all the time his son is playing voyeur to his actions.

Rich in socio-moral implication and speculation, *Colpire al cuore* is also a film of assured and mature style, with the ever-mobile camera watching the world – the civilized, remote home where Emilio's mother is isolated by the headphones of her dictating machine as she endlessly types some scholarly thesis; the deceptive serenity of the university; the desolation of the urban wilderness where the girl hides out – through Emilio's curious, innocent, judging eyes. Trintignant, even dubbed, is faultless in the role of the anxious father; and as the boy Fausto Rossi, an adolescent who can appear from moment to moment like a baby or as wise as the hills, is at least an equal partner to this highly professional performance.

Alain Tanner is one of the most talented film-makers currently working in Europe, with the rare gift of compelling interest with whatever he shows on the screen. Even so, In the White City *(Dans la Ville blanche)* conveys the uneasy impression that, having found money to make a film, moved his crew to Lisbon and cast Bruno Ganz, he was not quite certain what to do next. His admission that the film was written from day to day, as events decided, seems to confirm this and to explain its free-associational drift.

Ganz has the look of one of the alienated walkabout heroes of Wim Wenders's films. He lands up in Lisbon off a boat on which he has been working as a stoker, takes a room over a bar in the harbour district and falls into an affair with the maid-of-all-work. Between times he drifts around the streets, filming in a desultory way with an 8mm camera. He send his films, recording the streets, himself, his love affair, to his wife in Switzerland, and the two of them carry on a strange, abstract, literary correspondence.

It seems, in common with earlier Tanner films, a reflection on freedom and entrapment. The hero, at first seemingly the freest of men, is progressively trapped, by his sentiments, by a robbery which leaves him without money either to stay or to go, by an injury in a fight. But the reflections are as directionless as the character; and Ganz's peregrinations seem eventually and frustratingly like an exploration into nowhere. The scenery *en route* is fine enough; Ganz, even doing nothing, is watchable; and Tanner's vision of Lisbon, with the dream-like interpolations of 8mm film, is striking.

A title at the end of At First Sight *(Coup de foudre)* indicates that it is an autobiographical reminiscence of her parents by the writer-director Diane Kurys (her co-scenarist was Alain Le Henry). This may explain its rather inconsequential progression, both dramatically and psychologically. Ms Kurys tells the story of two women, from 1942 and Vichy France to 1954. Lena (Isabelle Huppert) is a Belgian Jew who marries a legionnaire, also Jewish, to avoid deportation. Madeleine (Miou-Miou), an art school student in 1942, sees her new husband killed in a skirmish between resistance and militia.

Twelve years later the paths of these two women cross. By this time Lena has two children and her husband has turned out to be devoted, dull and rather stingy. Madeleine has married a feckless actor given to disastrous get-rich-quick schemes, and has borne a dim little son. It is hardly surprising that the two women find each other a good deal more fun than their *respective husbands*.

The rather dramatic denouement at which the film eventually arrives finds the spectator somewhat unprepared. The wartime scenes have only the most tenuous structural connexion with the rest and, when the main part of the action begins, it trundles along with the leisurely trivia of soap opera – domestic spats and embarrassment, children lost or locked in lavatories, mild *flirtations that are nobody's* secret, the recurrent tragi-comedies of the actor's money-making ideas. Perfectly adequately played, both incident and character seem for the most part so slight that you are left wondering if you have missed something.

Moment of betrayal: Dario (Jean-Louis Trintignant) under arrest in *Blow to the Heart*

It is sad to report the closure of the Electric Cinema Club, which for almost 14 years has offered an invaluable repertory house, operating in a building in Portobello Road that has run continuously as a cinema since its opening in 1911. Going out in style, the Electric's final presentation is a revival of Joseph Losey's 21-year-old *film maudit*, Eve. Even in the version recut and dubbed by the producers it was a vivid if eccentric work, an allegory of the Fall, loosely based on a novel by James Hadley Chase and set in Venice. Its lasting *fascination* is Jeanne Moreau's feline temptress; its handicap is still Losey's unalterable pessimism in the face of humanity: "With *Eve* I wanted to make a picture – as I still and always do – about the particular destruction and anguish and waste of most sexual relationships . . ."

Young Giants is so outstandingly inept in execution and so evidently good-hearted in its intentions that you cannot actively dislike it. John Huston invokes the shade of Barry Fitzgerald in the role of the aged, crotchety, dying Catholic priest in charge of an orphanage. Pele, who makes a disarmingly charming actor, arrives as the *deus ex machina* to save the orphans from eviction by *the wicked and corrupt civic* developers. It sounds as if it was made up as it went along, but in fact it has three writers and even a director, Terrell Tannen.

David Robinson

Television

Misused friends

The badger is an amiable fellow and has no known enemies, they told us in BBC2's Open Space last night with rather a courtroom ring. The badger's business and diet are helpful to the countryside and he would be quite happy left to his own devices. Parliament acknowledged his good citizenship in 1973, passing the Badger Act, meant to stop people badgering him and turning him into shaving brushes or sporrans.

Non-Scots and users of electric razors could therefore watch last night's film, by the 22-year-old Graham Horder, who spent 40 nights outside badger sets to make his *The Badgers of Gwent*, with a clear conscience.

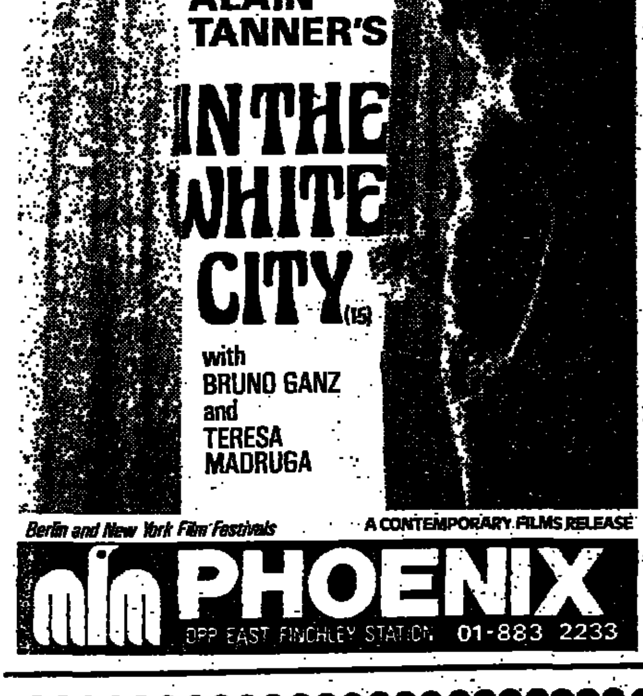
Gwent was the first place to form a group to protect badgers and try to ensure that the Badger Act was enforced. A network of similar groups is now established round the country. Despite this, the badger is still baited – a horrifying process – and ill-used, though this will hopefully decline as the groups get on with their monitoring, mapping and numbering of the badgers' addresses.

Apart from ourselves, the badger is Britain's largest carnivore. If we are unkind to it we also lack consideration to each other. Watching G. F. Newman's The Nation's Health on Channel 4 last night, the plight of the badger receded swiftly.

Mr Newman's play was called *Decline*. Last week's was *Acute* and we can look forward to *Chronic* and *Collapse* in the next weeks. His thesis, in a nutshell, is that medicine and medical people have become too technological, leaving healing and humanity behind. His seeker after unpalatable truth in this series is Dr Jessie Marvill, who is to descend the hill of disillusion in all four plays.

The series is already far into "overkill". Mr Newman who, I understand, does not have a doctor and might, after this, not find one easily, is putting all his bad eggs in one basket to the detriment of a message that might otherwise be salutary. The series is likely to hold only masochistic doctors and apprehensive medical students for the duration of its run.

Dennis Hackett



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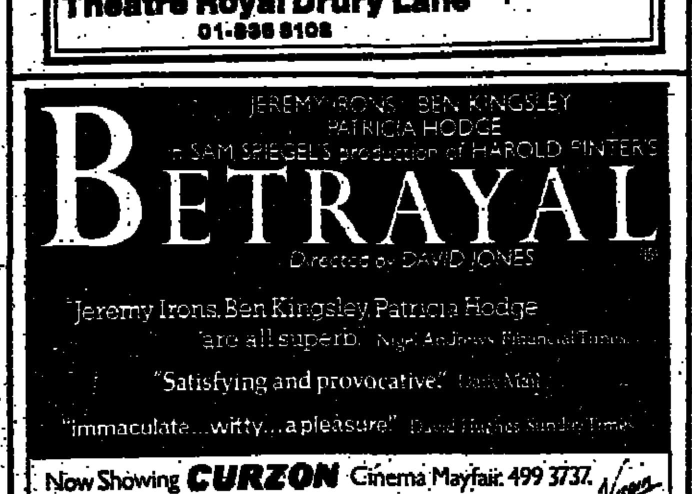
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Recommissioned

Odd goings-on at the residence of the Indian High Commissioner, Dr V. A. Seyid Muhammad, who will welcome the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh to a dinner later this month in honour of the royal visit to India in November. According to reliable sources, the house in Kensington Palace Gardens is now rapidly undergoing extensive redecoration and refurbishment following a whirlwind visit last week by Mrs Gandhi on her way from New York to Delhi.

On inspecting the grade II listed building, the Indian Prime Minister is said to have blown her top at the decaying paintwork and dusty furniture and fittings. A spokesman for the High Commission insists, however, that the work is merely part of "normal maintenance".

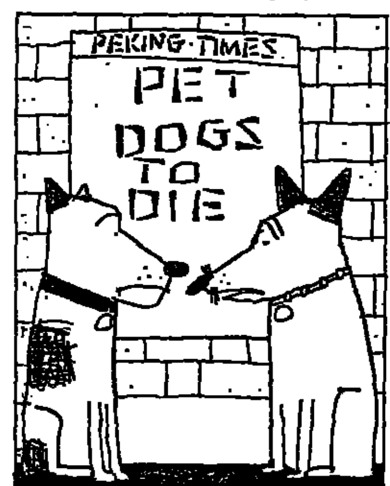
● *Members of the women's peace movement have taken a giant stride towards achieving unilateral nuclear disarmament in Britain. They have persuaded a terrified department store in Hereford to stop selling a toy missile system because it looks like a cruise missile launcher.*

Dog days

What goes through the pretty head of a model like Lorraine Coe when she is being photographed in poses of exquisite catatonia on a tropical beach by David Bailey? I found out at the launch of Bailey's 1984 Lambs Navy Rum calendar. In the case of Miss Coe, who appears clad mostly in blank looks, it is not a matter of wondering whether the neighbours are feeding the cat in her absence but how to stop the dog eating. One of Bailey's shots, in which Miss Coe's blankness is complemented by a necklace of dead tuna, was complicated by a Tahitian hound's insatiable interest in the fish. "I was a bit worried it was going to bite my ankle off," said Miss Coe. Neither she nor Bailey knew which month the picture represented on the calendar. "Dunno," said the photographer. "It's Pisces."

● *Polish radio presenters have been told that from Monday no American, West German or Norwegian music may be played. This is not simply to punish Norway for giving Walesa the Nobel Prize but also to suppress a surge of pro-western sentiment expected during the forthcoming twenty-fifth International Jazz Jamboree in Warsaw at which leading musicians such as Miles Davis will play.*

BARRY FANTONI



"It's the radical leftist privilege-seekers I feel sorry for"

● *Members of the SDP who recruit new members are eligible for some glittering prizes. Those scoring 50 points will be invited to spend an evening with David Owen. Those who score 20 points (no, not two evenings with him) will receive a badge or brooch, a year's subscription to the party's newsletter and a free ticket to the SDP's 1984 conference where, presumably, they will be able to gaze at Owen for a whole week.*

Thatcher's no-go

The Prime Minister was in a forgiving mood when she disclosed that Denis had failed to buy her a fifty-eighth birthday present yesterday. Emerging from the lift at the Imperial Hotel in Blackpool to be greeted with a cake from the hotel management, she said: "He has not had time. We have been far too busy."

The Prime Minister said she expects a present from Denis to cover both birthday and wedding anniversary later in the year. Asked by one hack whether the approach of her sixtieth birthday indicated retirement, Mrs Thatcher replied "No" (four times).

● *Recently returned from Positano in southern Italy, where he met Franco Zeffirelli, BBC Omnibus presenter Richard Baker relates a delightful story of the maestro's contretemps with Lew Grade during the making of Jesus of Nazareth. "He almost wanted me to cut down the number of Apostles, bring them down to six", said Zeffirelli.*



Michael Montague, chairman of the English Tourist Board, is pleased to have concluded a two-year haul to secure a Greater London Council blue plaque for his headquarters at 4 Grosvenor Gardens. First he required the blessing of the GLC and of the landlord, the Duke of Westminster. Then he had to squeeze on to the plaque the inscription "Anthropologist, archeologist and explorer Lt. Gen. Augustus Henry Lane Fox Pitt-Rivers lived here". This worthy inhabited the building between 1884 and 1896.

PHS

Why the Democratic presidential front-runners are worried by the lesser lights

The battle of the images

Washington

Walter Mondale last week had his "dream week", winning in quick succession the massive endorsement of the AFL-CIO union organization and the National Education Association, then going on to trounce his Democratic rivals for the presidential nomination in a heavily-contested party "straw poll" in Maine.

Now it is the turn of his chief rival for the Democratic nomination, Senator John Glenn, to enjoy a spate of favourable media attention. On Sunday the film *The Right Stuff*, which portrays the former astronaut Glenn in a less prissy, more heroic light than in the Tom Wolfe novel on which the movie is based, had its glittering premiere at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

The previous evening the Glenn nomination campaign is to launch itself with a five-minute televised political commercial spectacular on prime time over the CBS network.

The Glenn campaign staff insist that the launch date of *The Right Stuff* and the film's flattering portrayal of their candidate are entirely coincidental with Glenn's own presidential ambitions. But they nevertheless concede that the film fits in admirably with their overall strategy, which is to build up a tidal wave of popular support for Glenn, based on his fame as an astronaut and his reputation as an Eisenhower-style national hero.

Mondale's latest political successes and Glenn's impending media blitz (which has already begun with a cover story about *The Right Stuff* in *Newsweek* and extensive coverage in *Time*) mark the beginning of a more combative stage in the race to gain the Democratic Party's nomination to run for President in 1984.

The seven declared candidates – with an eighth, The Rev Jesse Jackson, expected to declare himself shortly – are now beginning to hurl at each other the sorts of criticisms usually reserved for their common enemy, President Reagan.

Mondale, noting Glenn's hawkish stand on defence and his past support for the President's tax-cut legislation, has accused the Ohio senator of being a lukewarm Democrat, too conservative to appeal to "real Democrats".

Glenn has responded by accusing Mondale of pandering to and becoming the captive of special interest groups. "Mondale runs the risk of being labelled 'union-owned and-operated'," a member of his staff commented.

Glenn has also continued to hammer away at the theme that the polls persist in showing him as the Democratic challenger President Reagan fears most.

The intensity the Democratic race has taken on at this early stage – with still more than 400 days to go before the election takes place – has largely been caused by the demands of next year's calendar for primaries and state caucuses, which will select the 3,931 delegates to attend the Democratic Party convention in San Francisco in July.

Because so many key primaries and caucuses are being held early next year, 45 per cent of the delegates will have been selected by April 1. This means that it is vital for candidates to make a big impact early on, particularly if they are to pick up the political "megabucks" which a candidate needs if he has any chance of winning.

The Mondale and Glenn "dream weeks" neatly underline the different strategies which the two leading candidates are adopting in their attempts to be first past the post.

Mondale, the more experienced and better organized of the two, has set out to capture the support of the party barons and special interest groups whose support will be so vital at next year's convention. Hence his assiduous wooing of Labour leaders, teachers, feminists, blacks and Hispanics. He now hopes that endorsement by the AFL-CIO will be followed by open backing from influential state and city Democratic bosses, such as Mario Cuomo in New York, who have so far been reluctant to join his band wagon.

Glenn's strategy, on the other hand, has been to ignore the party's special-interest components and appeal over their heads to the rank-and-file Democrats and to the uncommitted.

"Mondale's strategy is... an organizational, constituency-based strategy", said Greg Schneiders, Glenn's press secretary. "In the Glenn campaign, we place a premium on communication that goes directly to the voters. While not ignoring organization, it is possible that organization will turn out to be like sand castles on the beach when a tidal wave comes in."

At present Mondale is well ahead in the fund-raising stakes. But Glenn is showing he can attract broad financial support, while outsiders, like Senator Alan Cranston, have been able to shower hundreds of thousands of dollars on their campaigns at this early stage, to ensure a good enough showing in "straw polls" and to keep alive the notion that this is not just a two-horse race. The Glenn campaign staff hope that the sand castles, such as Mondale's endorsement by the 14 million strong AFL-CIO, will be swept away by the forthcoming Glenn publicity wave. Glenn's attitude is that the AFL-CIO vote represented only the views of union bosses and that he enjoys broad support among ordinary blue collar workers, which will translate itself into a groundswell of support in time for next July's convention.

Mondale is worried that Glenn is winning the "image" battle: that the former astronaut has effortlessly managed to retain his high ratings simply by being himself and by portraying himself as a national leader.

Mondale tends to be viewed as a "politician" rather than a leader, an old-style Democrat given to "irresponsibility in money matters and mushiness in national security issues", as columnist Joseph Kraft recently remarked. His past associations with President Carter lead many to believe that he is incapable of beating President Reagan.

Mondale has tried to overcome his "softie" image with some tough speech-making and by showing that he is as much a product of middle America as Glenn or Reagan. His main concern in the weeks ahead is the challenge posed to his candidacy by other candidates, which could erode his popular base.

Principal among these is Sen. Cranston, who gave Mondale a bloody nose in a "straw poll" in Wisconsin in the summer.

George McGovern and the Rev Jackson, if he runs, could also steal valuable support away from Mondale. Although most political observers have written McGovern off as a lost cause, he performed surprisingly well in a recent opinion poll which showed he still appealed to left-wing Democrats.

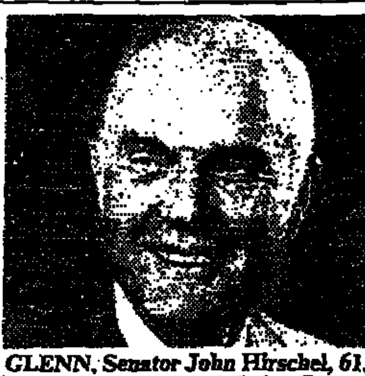
Glenn's principal weakness at this stage, apart from his poor organization, is his ability to drop clangers which either alienate potential supporters or else show him to be uncertain of himself under pressure.

For the moment, however, the race between the two front-runners remains too close to call and – remembering the Democratic Party's recent propensity for selecting an outsider – no one is yet completely writing off the others as also-rans.

Nicholas Ashford



MONDALE, Walter "Fritz", 55, son of a Methodist minister. Active in politics for 23 years, withdrew early from 1975 presidential contest because he did "not have the overwhelming desire to be president". Vice-president to Jimmy Carter from 1976-80, has since tried to distance himself from Carter's unpopular policies. Best financed and best organized campaign.



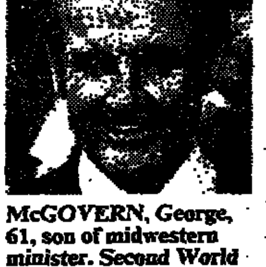
GLENN, Senator John Hirschel, 61, son of Ohio plumber. Marine Corps pilot in Second World War. In Korea shot down three Chinese MiGs during last nine days of the war. Rocketed to international fame in 1962 as first American astronaut to orbit the earth. Great charm but only slight charisma. Has steadily closed gap with Mondale.



CRANSTON, Senator Alan, 69, son of wealthy San Francisco property developer. Man of tireless energy, has spent most of his life pursuing goals never quite achieved. Running on one issue – nuclear disarmament – with considerable success. Despite dyeing few remaining grey hairs and penchant for being photographed in track suits, considered "too old, too gaunt, too liberal".



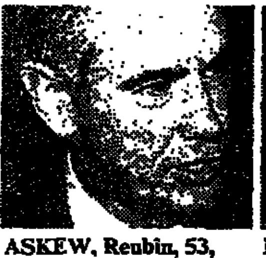
HART, Senator Gary, 45, son of Kansas farm equipment salesman. Managed George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign. Speeches deal with need for an industrial policy, streamlined tax code and leaner military forces, rather than political platitudes. Religious, self-effacing, lacks vote-getting determination and populist touch. Sees himself as man of the future.



McGOVERN, George, 61, son of midwestern minister. Second World War bomber pilot, senator for South Dakota 1962-80. Surprise Democratic candidate in 1972, defeated by Nixon. Since losing his Senate seat has lectured, made comfortable living from property. Without funds organization, should be complete outsider. Yet polls show his name still has allure.



JACKSON, Rev Jesse Louis, 41, illegitimate. Said to have cradled dying Martin Luther King in his arms after 1968 shooting, has since sought to take over King's mantle. Denounced by critics as demagogue and gadfly but now most-quoted black leader. Funding of his black educational charity could come in for close scrutiny should he run.



ASKEW, Reubin, 53, one of five children brought up by his divorced mother, a hotel housekeeper, in Florida. Nicknamed "Reubin the Good", has reputation for integrity and candour. As Governor of Florida appointed first black to state's Supreme Court, first woman to state cabinet. Born-again Christian, neither smokes nor drinks.



HOLLINGS, Senator Ernest "Fritz", 61, son of paper salesman. Self-made, despite southern aristocrat appearance, was Governor of South Carolina at 36 and US senator at 44 – longest record in public office of any Democratic candidate. Lacks a coherent philosophy and responds to political passions of the moment. Quick humour and sharp tongue.

George Walden

Don't be gung-ho about Hongkong

"A quarrel between Hongkong and Canton is like a quarrel between the mouth and the belly. If they fight, the whole body suffers." Thus General Li Chai-sum, Governor of Canton province, half a century ago. The general, a sensible man, might have added that in any row between Britain and China, Hongkong would suffer most.

We may be in for a difficult time on Hongkong. The Chinese sometimes seem to be concerned about the past rather than the future. They should worry more about today's Hongkong dollar, and less about yesterday's treaties. It does no one any good to talk (or rather shout) down the dollar, or to hold up the British as ravenous neo-colonials.

There are plenty of home-grown critics, too. Mrs Thatcher, we were told, was rash to raise the issue in the first place. Should she have just let Hongkong drift towards the rocks in the same way as our economy did before she took over? Others urge her to slap down a demand for an extension of the lease, and be damned. We would not be damned: Hongkong would. And finally she is encouraged to answer the Chinese back. How? By spelling out the message that China's own compatriots in Hongkong do not want her to run their lives or economy? Would that help the colony? You do not need to be Chinese to understand "face".

Now that the negotiations are soon to be resumed, it is a good time for coolness and clarity. The first thing to be clear about is the economic interests of each party. These are not quite what they seem. To start with, let us for two reasons go a little easy on the argument that Hongkong is indispensable to China.

China would not lose *all* its foreign exchange income if it were rash enough to try to run Hongkong itself. The figure of 40 per cent of its foreign exchange is tossed about. The real figure is probably closer to 30 per cent – still a lot, but some of this comes form reexports and would continue to flow to China, even in the worst case.

But in China, economic considerations do not always predominate. I spent several years there during the Cultural Revolution, and watched extreme politics and chauvinism overrule common sense and self-interest. The consequences were ugly, and expensive. I also once took part in some tense, secret negotiations (they were later leaked) in an obscure restaurant in Hongkong where we and the mainland representatives grappled with the problems of the overflow of the Cultural Revolution into the colony, during which more than 50 people had died. Our view was that while we ran the place, law and order would apply to "Maoists" as much as to anyone else.

The Chinese got the point then. But that experience, and some pretty hair-raising events along the frontier at the time, left me with a sober impression of the delicacy of the balance on which the territory rests. We now have a new China, but a China in which old demons and resentments still slumber – as shown by the tone of Peking's recent pronouncements on Hongkong. These people feel strongly that part of their territory has been alienated by force, and are tempted to take it back.

The Chinese will not, I hope, make the mistake of supposing that Hongkong is a great source of wealth for Britain. We draw no direct revenue from it, although the balance of payments is in our favour. (A sensible settlement could leave us with most of our commercial interests intact.) Nor, I assume, do we wish to continue to run it to perpetuate imperial glory. Our chief concerns are thus moral and pragmatic: to do the best we can for Hongkong and its citizens.

In diplomacy, as in everyday life, the key question is often not what you want, but how you are going to get it. An uncompromising demand for an extension of the present lease would liquidate both empire and prosperity in short order. I doubt if anyone wants that. Those who assume that it is possible or prudent to negotiate in this way show no awareness of the simple power relationships: no understanding of Chinese national pride – the most powerful and volatile element in the whole equation; and so no practical concern for the welfare of the territory.

Prosperity depends on a Sino-British entente about the future. I am convinced a settlement can be achieved, though it will not be forced out of the Chinese in adversarial negotiations. The main elements should be a continued British presence in some form; a measure of autonomy; and the firmest guarantees available. The treaties are already a block to progress, and must inevitably at some stage be tacitly put aside.

We must think particularly carefully about our own role. The last thing we need is another case of responsibility without power. Is our desire to continue administering the territory so strong that we wish to do so even if we have no real control over events?

Look at the upheavals, the power struggles and the drastic reversals of policy in China over the last 15 years, and the West's inability to predict these changes. Is it necessarily in our interests, or in those of Hongkong, to seek blindly to perpetuate into the future arrangements which have worked well, in different circumstances, in the past?

It is impossible to imagine a large and stabilizing British presence (eg, in the Civil Service) short of complete responsibility. In the long run, this could offer a lower profile and more security for Hongkong, and less temptation for Peking to step in. Anyone wishing to posture on the sidelines of the negotiations should remember that tough talk alone, like "concern", never helped anybody.

However tempted we are to call China's bluff, let us remember that we are dealing with not only an economy, but (as Mr Levin reminded us) with more than five million people and a distinct culture. Having once studied T'ang poetry with a Hongkong Chinese tutor in an aromatic tenement near Wanchai, with the noise of the mah-jong games drifting through open windows, I am keenly aware of this aspect of our responsibility. The future of these splendid and resourceful people will not be secured by gladiatorial gestures, but only by calm, firm and persistent diplomacy.

Above all, don't let's behead the messenger because we don't like the message. The Franks Report shows where that can lead.

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France's sparkling wine success for '83

Paris

As the last of the grapes are gathered in the lingering autumn sunshine, wine producers in most French regions are breathing a sigh of relief after a nerve-wrecking year, while in Champagne they are whooping with joy after another unexpected bumper harvest – up 13 per cent on last year's record. Despite repeated alarms, 1983 promises to be good in quantity and quality.

The season began well enough with abundant buds on the vines, but the cold weather in April and early May held back the sap, and there were fears of a late frost. Then, with the warmer weather, came the rains which threatened to damage the young blossom and to wash away the pollen, preventing the fruit from setting.

In most areas the June sun came out in the nick of time and only the Côtes du Rhône and the Midi were affected to any serious degree. But violent hailstorms at the end of July destroyed whole vineyards of some of the best wines in the Beaujolais, Côtes du Rhône and Burgundy, including such names as Romanée Conti, which at around £30 for a 1982 bottle is one of France's most expensive wines. But the damage was limited to very small areas, so the overall harvest was little affected.

In August the unrelenting heatwave brought new fears, this time of drought. But again the gods were kind and in mid-month came the rains. Again, though, the weather seemed bent on excess, and by the beginning of September the first signs of the dreaded grape rot had begun to appear in the sodden vineyards. Much of the harvest looked as if it would be lost.

Then, in mid-September, came the gloriously warm, sun-drenched weather that red wines in particular need in the final few weeks before the harvest. The viticulturists now predict a yield of 72 million hectolitres (10,000 million bottles), down from last year's exceptionally abundant harvest of 79 million hectolitres, but above the average for the preceding five years.



Another bumper harvest – and probably of 1979 standard quality

The most sparkling success story is champagne, where the vines were expected to be "tired" after last year's exceptional effort, but which now look as if they will produce a record-breaking 330 million bottles, double the average of the preceding five years. Champagne stocks, which plummeted after the particularly poor harvests of 1978, 1980 and 1981, have already been brought back to a satisfactory 540 million bottles, and there is now talk for the first time in years of champagne prices remaining stable or even of actually falling slightly.

It is still too soon to predict with any certainty the quality of this year's wines, but most experts would agree with the general observation of M Edouard Dabadie, chief buyer for Nicolas wines, that while 1983 is not likely to be a great year, it will probably be a good year, similar in quality to 1979 or 1981.

In France – unlike in Britain, where only its table wines are sold – Nicolas is the leader in the quality *appellation controllée* market, with an annual turnover of £68m. The fall in domestic consumption of wine is causing the company serious concern.

Twenty-five years ago, the French drank 140 litres of wine per head of population a year. Today's figure is 80 litres. Consumption of beer and spirits has gone up during that period, but the main switch has been to soft drinks – and water. As living standards have risen, people are drinking less, but better.

The French family no longer automatically sits down to every meal with a litre of wine on the table. The ecological movement has prompted teenagers to turn to soft drinks, fruit juice and milk.

Another reason for the trend away from *vin ordinaire* is quite simply that it has become very much more *ordinaire*. It use to be "enriched" with the stronger, fuller-bodied, better-quality Algerian wine, but that practice came to an end when Algeria became independent in 1962. Corsican wine has been used in its place, but the result is not as good.

Efforts are therefore being concentrated on improving the production of *vin ordinaire*, and with some success. The better quality, non-AC wines from a specified area now have the right to be called *vins de pays* to distinguish them from the cheaper *vins de table*.

It is a myth to believe that you can buy a bottle labelled *vin de table* which is really surplus Chateau Margaux. Any AC wine produced above the quantity limits imposed for that vineyard in that particular year has to be thrown away or made into vinegar. It is illegal to sell it even as table wine. That rule is imposed to prevent vine growers from "over-producing", which almost invariably results in a poorer quality wine. In practice, very little wine is ever wasted in this way.

While wine consumption has been falling in France and Italy, the two greatest wine-bibbing countries, it has been rising in most other western countries. In Britain, it has almost tripled over the past decade from 2.9 litres per head per year to nearly 8 litres – though still way behind the 80 litres in France, 70 in Italy, 50 in Switzerland, and 25 in West Germany.

Britain, along with the US and West Germany, is the biggest importer of French wines and wine-based spirits. For champagne, it shares the number one position with the US, the two countries together taking a third of champagne exports. Britons have a reputation in France for being among the finest connoisseurs of wines, often beating the French in wine-tasting competitions.

A tip to the non-expert British wine-bibber, however, from M Dabadie. *Chambré* does not mean the room temperature of centrally heated houses. A Bordeaux should be drunk at about 17-19C (63-66F); burgundy, a little cooler at 16-18C; beaujolais, a little cooler still. Some people prefer it even slightly chilled, particularly the beaujolais nouveau which is due to be released, as usual, on November 15. White wines, on the other hand, tend to be drunk too cold in Britain.

One more tip: a so-called chateau-bottled wine is not necessarily a better wine than one bottled by a large wine house like Nicolas or Grants of St James's. It all depends on the expertise: a viticulturist may know all about tending vines, pressing grapes, and fermenting the juice, but little about the important bottling process.

Lastly, if you do go to a vineyard to buy your wine, make sure if possible that you bring back a sample bottle to try in your own home before committing yourself to one or several cases. It is not so much that the wine will change in different surroundings, but you will – away from the amiable *viticulteur*, and the relaxation of your holidays; and that will change the taste of the wine, sometimes drastically.

Diana Geddes

Philip Howard

We ken The Word the noo

The Word of the Lord is one of the two principal spirits that fuel Scotsmen. It has often been more potent, and sometimes more violent, than whisky. There is a popular view north of the border that God is a Scot, something like a white-bearded Wee Free minister, looking down in his infinite maircy on the miserable sinners howling in eternal flames, and telling them sternly: "Weel, ye ken the noo". No doubt God speaks Scots. But until today there has been no translation of his Word in the Scottish tongue. Well, there is the noo, with the publication of *The New Testament in Scots* for the William Laughton Lorimer Trust by Southside, publishers, of Edinburgh.

It is a majestic work of scholarship, filial piety, and charming humour. W. L. Lorimer was born at Strathmartine, near Dundee, in 1885, and became a classical scholar in the notable stables of Fettes and Trinity College, Oxford. His favourite reminiscence from Trinity was that one day a globe-trotting American asked the college porter, a Roman Catholic, "Whom do those statues on the tower represent?" "Bless you, sir," the porter replied, "the 'oly Trinity". "But", said the puzzled American, "there are four of them". "That's right, sir", the porter assured him: "three persons – and one God".

Lorimer became one of the finest classical scholars in his country; he spent his life teaching Greek and Latin at St Andrews, then at University College, Dundee, and finally as Professor of Greek at St Andrew's.

As a boy of nine he had started to collect Scots words and phrases spoken by three aged and impoverished women pensioners who inhabited the cottar-houses behind his father's manse. He never forgot how much idiomatic Scots differed from English spoken with a Scots accent. And he devoted the last 10 years of of his life to his translation of the New Testament. His studies had persuaded him that the New Testament was written in Standard Greek, as the Kirk Faithers alloued, and that "Jesus spakna Standard Aramaic – for ordnar, onlegate – but plain, braid Galilee".

It was probably composed by at least 12 different writers, ranging from Paul to the author of *Revelations*, and possesses no such uniform style as most of its translators have imposed on it. Lorimer accordingly refrained from using a uniform Standard Scots. Instead he took erudite care to differentiate the style in which he rendered each individual author's works.

It became a scholarly obsession to recreate dying Scots prose. He ransacked all available oral and literary linguistic sources; he was doing that anyway in his work for *The Scottish National Dictionary*. He consulted scores of learned scriptural commentaries, and scrutinized more than 180 other translations in more than 20 languages. It is one of the ironies of the Scottish class system that his mother had imposed the conflicting requirements on her children that they must try to learn as many languages as possible, but must not themselves speak Scotch.

Today Lorimer's son publishes his father's testament in Scots with funds raised by public subscription. I can see that it is tempting the de'il that lurks in the new technology of photocomposition, but, Gabriel Archangel of foreign tongues be with us, here is an example of a well-kent passage:

"Mou happie the puir at is hummle afore God,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heivenl
Mou happie the dowff an dowie,
for they will be comfortit!
Mou happie the douce an cannie,
for they will faa the yird!"

In one of Lorimer's versions of Matthew's account of the Temptation, the Devil spoke English, and quoted from the Authorized Version, to remind us how much influence it has exerted in Scotland in the past 350 years. *Acts* are *Acks*. Up in the heavely kirk I dare say that they do not distinguish between languages. Down here, the New Testament in Scots is a notable contribution to our literary and linguistic heritage.

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IN A STATE OF UNCERTAINTY

The Conservative Party conference should have taken place in an atmosphere of confidence and elation. The triumph of June 9 should have been celebrated by the presentation of a clear idea of how the Government will use its renewed power, and where it will invite the party and the country to follow it during the next five years. Yet since the election, both performance and the presentation of policy have been lacklustre and uncertain. Instead of being confidently on the advance, carrying public opinion with it, the Government has found itself on the defensive and it cannot be said that the conference, so far, has helped to restore its poise. The most valuable use that can be made of this conference is that it should serve as a warning that the Government cannot take anything for granted.

The unseemly public deployment of Mr Cecil Parkinson's unhappy personal problems has not helped the Government, or the Conservative Party, to keep their minds on their proper business, or to meet the public with self confidence. By not resigning before he himself issued the statement which made his private difficulty public property, Mr Parkinson layed too much on his party and specifically too much on the conference which was on the point of assembling at Blackpool. It is not a question of measuring this unhappy episode against some precise scale of moral conduct, expressed in generalities, which infallibly and rigidly determines when and on what grounds a minister in embarrassing personal circumstances should resign. It is rather a question of the political instinct which, in all the circumstances of a particular case, should make it possible to foresee when resignation is desirable because the consequences of non-resignation would be damaging to the Government and the party.

The unseemliness of the public attention which was inevitably focused on Mr Parkinson and his difficulties at Blackpool was one such consequence. Another was the uncertainty about how to respond to him or to refer to him. Ministers have had to sift their speeches for fear that some accidental double meanings might produce embarrassment. The conference itself, for fear of seeming to criticise him, was moved to receive Mr Parkinson with an ovation that was excessive, even for one who had, as party chairman, contributed much to electoral victory.

This response of the conference was understandable in a party which is always predisposed to unity and to respect for its leaders. The chivalry of the reception given to Mr Parkinson was, in one sense, touching. But the question why precisely they were cheering the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry quite so hard in itself expresses the essence of an unhappy episode which has not helped the Conservative Party to concentrate sufficiently on its proper business.

Doing so was, in any case, proving somewhat difficult. The general tiredness of ministers after the election and the fact that the Prime Minister was unwell before her eye operation, and was for a time naturally debilitated after it, did not help the Government to give a clear account of its intention for its second term. In particular, the Cabinet has shown signs of confusion in its approach to the public on the longer-term problem of public spending and an uncertainty of touch in handling the economies necessary to stay within its cash targets for the coming year.

It has laid itself open to the charge that, having committed itself to the National Health Service before the election so enthusiastically, and having taken pride in employing more doctors and nurses than ever, it has since imposed manpower restrictions which cover doctors and nurses as well as administrators and ancillary workers. The charge that it is indifferent to the well-being of the Health Service is one that substantially lacks substance. The Government knows it must be committed to uphold the NHS and its standards and if it had had any doubt yesterday's debate at the Tory Conference on the Health Service would have removed them.

One of the more attractive aspects of a Conservative conference is that debates on particular social questions bring to the rostrum people from the constituencies who are not speaking in the generalities of amateur politicians but from their personal experience of a particular social service – in this case as members of local authorities, doctors, nurses and voluntary workers. Any idea that the active Conservatives, let alone the millions of Conservative voters, are less than committed to the NHS on which they personally depend is absurd and Mr Norman Fowler rightly responded yesterday with a robust declaration of his own commitment.

Nevertheless, questions still overhang the long-term prospect for public spending as a whole in which the welfare services are so large a part. Mr Nigel Lawson has restated his own determination as Chancellor to cut taxes and has done so somewhat more uncompromisingly than some of his colleagues think wise. It is not simply a question of how far tax cutting is possible without public spending cuts which might affect standards of the welfare services. It is also now a question of whether the Treasury was or was not right in its assessment last year that without a very drastic curtailment of public spending taxes far from being cut, would actually have to rise. In the present scene, the questions of economy through structural change and through candle-end savings have become confused and so has the size of the economies likely to be needed.

This uncertainty is partly because ministers currently give the impression of working, acting and speaking in their separate departmental roles rather than collectively as strategists. With two exceptions, those who have spoken for the Government at Blackpool have added little to the sum of knowledge or to the party's sense of direction. The Home Secretary had something new to say in announcing his decisions on sterner penalties for violent crime, and they were well devised. Mr Norman Tebbit shows much clearer signs than other ministers of knowing where he is going in his handling of the unions and how to get there. But other departmental ministers are plainly in need of inspiration and of the long view.

It is up to the Prime Minister today to begin the process of providing both. Not all her own judgments have lately been impeccable. But she is the leading politician of our time and she now needs to facilitate the emergence of a broad-based leadership in the Cabinet in which she is backed by politicians who can be their own men, capable of adventurous and flexible thinking. It is a moment when the Government needs a new sense of direction. Mrs Thatcher's speech today should do much to reveal how far she appreciates the nature of the task before her.

EXOCETS IN THE GULF

If nothing else, the much-mooted delivery of five Super-Etendard fighter-bombers from France to Iraq has succeeded in reminding the world that the Iran-Iraq war is still going on and is potentially a source of danger to many others beside the two protagonists.

The aircraft, according to no less an authority than President Saddam Husain himself, have still not arrived in Iraq. But they have, it seems, left the base at Landivisiau in Brittany where they had been kept until last week and where Iraqi pilots had been trained to fly and maintain them. According to some sources, they may be dismantled and sent by sea – presumably to Aqaba in Jordan, since Iran has effectively blockaded access to Iraq through the Persian Gulf since the war began. It is precisely in order to break that blockade that Iraq has sought to acquire the aircraft which, as Britain has cause to remember, can be used to fire AM 39 Exocet missiles at seaborne targets, with devastating effect.

Indeed, had those missiles not been used to sink British ships in the South Atlantic last year, there would perhaps not be the excitement there is now about the possibility of their use in the Gulf. Exocets, it should be recalled, have been used already in the Iran-Iraq war. Iraq is believed to have had about a hundred of them in stock when the war began, and has fired them from Super-Frelon helicopters both against tankers in the Gulf and against the city of Tehran. But they have not proved more than a nuisance to Iran, which – unlike Iraq – has been able to continue exporting oil through the Gulf and, largely for that reason, is now in a much more comfortable financial and economic position than its antagonist.

In the war of attrition which has developed, Iran now looks to have the longer wind. Iraq, which began the war three years ago looking for a quick victory against a foe apparently paralysed by revolutionary chaos, now finds its resources heavily overstretched in a trial of stamina with a larger and richer enemy determined to fight to the death and willing, apparently, to make unlimited sacrifices in the process. The Iraqi army has so far successfully withstood Iranian attempts to carry the war across the frontier, but the danger that Iraq will eventually collapse from sheer exhaustion, like Germany in 1918, is clearly real.

It is therefore not surprising that Iraq seeks by every means possible to break the stalemate. The Super-Etendards, which President Saddam now says will be delivered by the end of this month, have been presented as such a means. From them, Exocets can be fired with a much better chance of penetrating anti-aircraft defences. With them, Iraq hopes to turn the tables on Iran by rendering unusable the Iranian oil terminal at Kharg Island – either by destroying the loading facilities at the terminal itself or by sinking supertankers on their way to it – or, at least, hopes by the threat of doing this to deter Iran from further attacks on Iraqi shipping and so to break the blockade.

France is willing to help in this enterprise because she shares at least some of Iraq's desperation at the way the war is going. The French economic stake in Iraq – believed to be close to eight billion dollars – is such that any outcome of the war involving a collapse of the Iraqi regime and repudiation of its debts is regarded in Paris as a disaster to be averted at almost any cost. But, the French argue, it is not just French economic interests that are at stake. An Iranian victory, and the establishment of a militant Shiite regime in Baghdad, would have incalculable effects throughout the region. At worst the entire Middle East oil supply could fall into the hands of fanatically anti-Western Muslim fundamentalists.

Other Western powers, while sharing this concern, have grave doubts whether escalating the war in the Gulf can be the right way to meet it. They doubt the wisdom, let alone the legality, of helping Iraq to attack neutral shipping in the Gulf. They also doubt whether the Super-Etendards will in fact give Iraq the capacity to cut off Iran's oil exports. Iran's airforce, even though hampered by lack of key parts for its F14s and Phantoms, is still not to be written off completely; and even if the international supertankers were frightened away from Kharg Island, there is the possibility that they could be loaded at Sirri, near the mouth of the Gulf – thought to be out of Super-Etendard range from Iraqi airfields – with small Iranian tankers running the gauntlet between there and Kharg. (Iraq is unlikely to have an Exocet for every Iranian cockle-boat.)

Ironically enough that is what France's allies hope rather than fear, for they would regard it as preferable to the likely Iranian riposte if Iraq did succeed in closing Kharg down altogether, which would be either to try and close the Straits of Hormuz, thereby cutting off all oil supplies from the Gulf, or to attack the oilfields of Iraq's Arab backers, notably Saudi Arabia, or both. Either of those acts would cause such grave disruption of the West's oil supplies that the United States would very probably have to intervene militarily to reverse the consequences. The world is not so short of crisis points and international tension that this scenario should be welcomed by anyone.

With luck, things will not go that far. At present France is going through various diplomatic contortions to try and ensure that, even when delivered, the Super-Etendards do not have to be used. But all these really amount to trying to browbeat Ayatollah Khomeini into accepting a compromise with a regime that he has sworn to destroy. *Experience scarcely justifies any* optimism about that enterprise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hongkong rights and freedoms

From Mr John Walden

Sir, The letters from Sir William Keswick (October 1) and Mr Jack Perry (October 11) about Hongkong's future reflect a point of view rather widely held amongst those who trade into Hongkong and China but actually live somewhere else. This is that all that is needed to keep Johnny Chinaman happy is to keep the coins jingling in his pocket.

Of course, everyone likes to make a quick buck, and Sir William's "British merchant adventurers and nimble-witted Chinese" are no different. But to keep harping on maintaining Hongkong's prosperity and stability as if money and civil order were the only things that they care about is seriously to misjudge Hongkong people's concerns about their long-term future.

For a full year spokesmen of the Chinese, British and Hongkong governments have been publicly avowing their determination to maintain Hongkong's prosperity and stability up to and beyond 1997. Like Mr Jack Perry, most Hongkong people probably think that the Chinese can do it, even without British help. Yet they are still deeply apprehensive about 1997.

In fact, it seems to me that it is not the uncertainty about a prosperous and stable future that is causing confidence, money and people to desert Hongkong. It is a feeling of certainty, growing day by day in people's minds, that in 1997, or even before, authoritarian British colonial rule is going to be replaced by authoritarian Chinese Communist rule.

Hongkong people well know which they prefer, because more than a million of them have voluntarily left China to live in Hongkong since 1949. Many have died, or risked death, to get there.

Neither the British nor the Chinese Government has yet made any explicit statement indicating the position they propose to take in regard to the freedoms and civil rights now enjoyed by Hongkong citizens. Furthermore, the Hongkong Government has officially rejected a proposal that a referendum be eventually held to test the official assurances "that the outcome of the negotiations will be acceptable to the people of Hongkong".

Such obtuseness over a matter of such fundamental human importance cruelly serves to deepen Hongkong people's worries about their future and the future of their young children.

The vacuum in political leadership that an unimaginative attitude to public participation by the Hongkong Government in the running of Hongkong has helped to create has left the Hongkong people uniquely ill-prepared to help themselves in this predicament. It has increased the weight of responsibility falling on the British Government to protect their interest in the current negotiations.

The most important of these is the inviolability of their freedoms. It is simply not good enough to say, as Mr Edward Heath did, when visiting Hongkong recently, that Hongkong people should have no say in their future. Neither he nor any law-abiding British citizen has ever spent a night wondering if the Special Branch will knock at his door. No one has the right to deny that same peace of mind to the citizens of Hongkong.

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Churches in decay

From the Reverend Brian H. King

Sir, Clifford Longley's article of September 19 on the need for radical thinking for inner-city churches has wider implications.

This parish, too, suffers from "the tyranny of buildings". We have a very large 1930 church which, due to basic structure faults (known about since shortly after its completion), now needs a vast amount of money for repair and renovation.

The present congregation is anxious to solve the problem once and for all so that future worshippers will not be beset by the burden of a building they cannot afford to keep up. We should like to demolish the building and seek an alternative place of worship. However, our diocesan authorities tell us that without a church building the parish cannot exist and they would hesitate before licensing any other building.

Hanging over our heads also is the problem of insurance, for it is the Vicar and parochial church council who must foot the difference should public liability insurance cover be inadequate to meet the needs of a claim made.

It appears that the Church of England has no machinery for dealing with a lively parish with a redundant church building. But it would do well to realize that even lively congregations are only human and can eventually become so demoralized by abortive efforts to put things right that numbers dwindle and then redundancy does become a real threat.

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Part of the third paragraph of Mr Q. H. M. Gage's letter on pensions on October 11, referring to employees in non-contributory schemes, should have read: "and they were compelled, as a condition of employment, to join the scheme. Furthermore, they were not allowed to set up their own private arrangements, if they so wanted."

Fairness in sentencing policy

From Mr Anthony Lester, QC

Sir, Why should the murderer of a police officer or a prison officer normally expect to spend at least 20 years in prison whereas a police officer or a prison officer guilty of the murder of a prisoner will not normally face a 20-year minimum sentence?

Examples of murders in custody are happily very rare in this country. However, the equal protection of the law depends upon the principle that public servants and private persons are treated alike.

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From Mr Keith Simpson

Sir, According to a report and a leading article in your paper today (October 12) it is proposed to alter the existing appeal system from the crown courts so as to permit the prosecution to appeal against the imposition of inadequate sentences to the Court of Appeal Criminal Division.

The object apparently is not to enable the Appeal Court to alter the sentence in question, but merely to give it the opportunity to pronounce, if it so wishes, on the inadequacy of that sentence and to give guidance on the appropriate sentence for the particular type of crime for subsequent instances of similar offences.

Such guidance is already given quite often and if this is all that is to be achieved it will merely serve to increase the existing heavy burden on the Appeal Court for no perceptible benefit to the public.

The only justification for creating extra work of this sort would be to allow the Appeal Court to alter an existing sentence where it is plainly too lenient, just as it can now if the sentence is too severe.

I can see no logic in a system which permits a dissatisfied defendant to appeal and obtain a review of sentence by the higher court, but denies a similar right to a dissatisfied public whom the prosecution are presumed to represent.

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From Mr R. E. Thomas

Sir, When, oh when, will we stop this ridiculous business of pretending that increasing penalties will deter criminals, when most of them are never detained?

What is wanted is a more efficient police force which, hopefully, will catch a higher percentage of wrongdoers. A good chance of being caught is the only deterrent.

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Youth custody

From Ms Dora Belford and others

Sir, In the course of our work as criminal lawyers we have experienced a serious failing in the workings of the Criminal Justice Act 1982. On May 24, 1983, sections of that Act which pertain to the sentencing of offenders between the ages of 17 and 21 came into force. Under the Act a sentence of youth custody replaces imprisonment and borstal training.

However, such a sentence may only be passed if the court "is of the opinion that no other method of dealing with the offender is appropriate." If the court feels that the existing forms of non-custodial sentence are inappropriate, then it has no alternative but to pass a sentence of youth custody or a detention-centre order.

Before the Act came into force a court could suspend a period of imprisonment when dealing with an offender in the 17-21 age category. This form of sentence was a good alternative to an immediate term of imprisonment, as well as providing an effective form of preventive justice.

Since the coming into force of the 1982 Act the court has no equivalent power to suspend a term of youth custody, although the suspended sentence remains for adult offenders.

Theoretically, therefore, a judge, in sentencing an adult who is jointly charged with a young person, may pass a suspended sentence of imprisonment on the adult, but owing to this glaring lacuna in the law the judge would have no alternative but to pass an immediate custodial sentence upon the younger offender. Thus, a vital form of non-custodial sentence has been lost when dealing with young offenders. The result is that more young offenders than ever are in danger of losing their liberty.

We ask that, when Parliament reassembles later this month, careful consideration is given to widening the sentencing options for young people in order that the Government's overall intention to reduce the "prison" population may be met.

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Regulating air fares

From Air-Vice Marshal Sir Brian Stanbridge

Sir, In reporting the Air Transport Users' Committee's proposals for a new system of flexible air fares (September 30) your Transport Editor added that it saw this "as a step towards deregulation of domestic air services". In fact, we see it as part of an alternative "liberalisation" process which, we believe, is far better suited to the British air passengers' needs than the type of deregulation introduced in the USA.

The AUC fears that a complete free-for-all, with any airline able to fly on any route at any fare it chose, might be a step towards a British Airways monopoly. BA already flies half the domestic passengers in this country, is six times the size of the biggest independent airline, and earns the bulk – 90 per cent – of its revenue from overseas routes, which will continue to be protected from unlimited competition.

Given this power base, whether or not it is privatised, it could easily undercut any competitor in Britain; putting Concorde on the shuttle routes, a stunt which trebled the fuel bill for each flight, could be a hint of things to come.

The mere possibility of such competition is likely to make the independent airlines wary of investing the capital needed to expand their networks. Deregulation would thus have the opposite effect to that intended, and the passenger would be the true loser.

Nor is this the only problem, since some form of regulation is sure to continue in allocating landing rights at Heathrow and other crowded airports, and we would not want this done simply by the power of the purse, either. The purse, in the end, is the passenger's.

Our fares scheme would complement the policy of allowing increased but not unlimited competition on the main trunk routes by allowing true and prompt competition on pricing instead of needing every fares change to be approved by the Civil Aviation Authority. This is liberalisation and, we believe, the right way forward.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN STANBRIDGE,
Director General,
Air Transport Users' Committee,
129 Kingsway, WC2.
October 3.

Pricing gas

From Mr W. G. Jewers

Sir, Sir Ian Morrow (October 5) suggests that the British Gas Corporation's achievement in paying off loans and being for all practical purposes debt-free is the result of a high-selling price policy.

This is not so. The repayment of some £2bn of debt between 1973 and 1980, the majority of which was the cost of converting the country to natural gas, reflects the benefits resulting from that investment. However, with the high real cost of interest, which unfortunately has been and is continuing to be such a drain on business finance, our costs, after allowing for the effect of interest, would now be higher if the debt had not been redeemed and the burden of the debt would still be with us.

This can be illustrated by comparing 1976/77, when the corporation's interest payments approached £200m and 1982/83, where interest provided a source of income after tax of £29m.

Domestic gas prices in this country are well below those almost anywhere else on the Continent and industrial gas prices compare very favourably with any Continental prices. At the same time we are doing all we can to reduce our non-gas costs, bearing in mind the higher prices we have to face for new gas supplies. This can be seen from the 1982/83 results, where the corporation exceeded the Government's performance target of a 5 per cent reduction in real terms in net trading costs in 1982/83 compared with 1980/81.

All this hardly suggests an exploitation of the market by a high selling price policy.

Yours faithfully,
W. G. JEWERS,
Managing Director, Finance,
British Gas Corporation,
Rivermill House,
152 Grosvenor Road, SW1.
October 6.

Polytechnic courses

From Mr Terence Miller

Sir, May I comment on your report (October 5) of the belated recognition by HMIs of the deficiencies – including Marxist bias – of two sociology courses at the polytechnic of North London?

"Bias" of various kinds in teaching at higher education level cannot, and in many cases should not, be avoided. "Attacks" on bias always produce anguished references to "academic freedom". The real iniquity lies in the marking of students' work in terms of adherence to, or departure from, the Marxist "party line".

During my time at PNL (1970-80) I tried to deal with this malaise, even, latterly, calling in all finals examination papers in sociology. I recall engaging in a rather acid correspondence with some scandalized external examiners. (It is interesting to note that no one ever asked for the results of my investigation.)

The root of the trouble, and the reason for my inability to stop it, lies in the fact that among external examiners, and also among CNAA (Council for National Academic Awards) course-validating teams – and particularly in the British Sociological Association – are to be found, in considerable strength, those to whom "correct" sociology is Marxist.

I am delighted to read that the Secretary of State is to investigate. I hope that his range will not be limited to PNL. Certainly the CNAA should be included, but also those teacher-training institutions in which "sociology of education" and "sociology of knowledge" are, I believe, used as vehicles for Marxist indoctrination.

Yours etc,
TERENCE MILLER,
29 Wodehouse Terrace,
Falmouth,
Cornwall.
October 8.

Test of worth in judging equality

From the Bishop of Southwark

Sir, Over the past few years we have seen a mounting attack on the concept of equality, an attack which has been steadily supported by various contributors to the *The Times*. The latest examples of this have just appeared in the issue of October 11 in articles by David Hart and Roger Scruton.

In both cases the word equality is used in a general, undefined way as if we all knew and agreed on what it meant. At one point David Hart acknowledges that equality of opportunity is desirable, thereby qualifying his earlier statement that "equality is not only unobtainable but also undesirable". No mention is made of equality before the law, for instance.

The underlying assumption seems to be that equality means everyone earning exactly the same amount and adopting the same kind of lifestyle. Perhaps it does mean that for a few people. But it might help the debate forward if we could recognize that it does not mean anything as simplistic as that for most of us, and that for Christians at least, equality is about people's equal worth in God's eyes.

Because of this, we stand in a relationship to one another which requires of us some recognition of that equal status. The argument centres on what will reinforce and deepen a sense of responsibility for each other, as opposed to what will undermine and destroy it.

In a human family we instinctively recognize this. Children, however unequal their abilities, receive the same love and care from their parents and are made to feel their "equal" worth. It destroys family unity if the less able child is consistently treated less well and if there is no restraint on the able child's power to grab as much as possible for himself or herself.

In the Christian vocabulary we talk a lot about *koinonia*, or fellowship, rather than equality, and I think it could be helpful to see equality as an aspect of this fellowship or "belonging-together" of the human race, rather than pursuing equality as a goal in itself. But this should not blind us to the recognition of our fundamental equality as human beings and the need to express that by practical measures to ensure that our fundamental human needs are equally met, and that the rich do not have the "right" to get even richer while the poor get even poorer, whether in the world as a whole or in our own country.

Yours sincerely,
† RONALD SOUTHWARK,
Bishop's House,
38 Tooting Bec Gardens,
Streatham, SW16.
October 12.

Correct labelling

From Sir Ian Gilmour, MP for Chesham & Amersham (Conservative)

Sir, "Labels in themselves", as you rightly say in your leading article, "The Chancellor's goal" (October 13), "do not matter one jot". But we may as well get them right.

You accuse me of having "tried desperately to pin some derogatory label on official policies and managed to come up with 'monetarist' and 'sound money' ".

The desperation is yours not mine. The phrase "sound money" did not appear in my speech.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
IAN GILMOUR,
House of Commons.
October 13.

Council reform

From Mr Oliver Stutchbury

Sir, For at least the third time since the 1939-1945 War our central Government has put the cart before the horse in the matter of local government reform. The mess is not caused by overlapping and wasteful authorities, it is caused by the arbitrary and incomprehensible way in which local government is financed. To try and deal with the former before the latter is to go about the matter the wrong way round.

As one who resigned from the GLC and the Labour Party in 1976 in order to campaign (together with some thirty others) in the 1977 GLC elections on an "Abolish the GLC" ticket, may I plead with the present Government not to go ahead with its present proposals to abolish the GLC and metropolitan counties (to which end I am still totally committed) until it has made up its mind how local government is to be sensibly financed?

To go about its reform back to front will simply make the present muddle worse confounded. The only safe way forward is first of all, to get the provision of finance right.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER STUTCHBURY,
The Mansion,
Shingle Street,
Woodbridge,
East Suffolk.
October 8.

Victorian values

From H. S. Hartwell

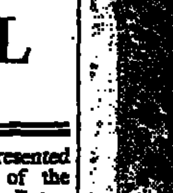
Sir, We were shown on television last week the demolition of yet another brick industrial chimney. This has become a ritual in which scant respect is paid to the skill and accomplishment of the Victorian craftsmen who built the stacks or of the engineers who designed them.

Should not some effort be made to preserve at least the worthiest of these structures of a technology now probably quite lost to us?

Yours truly,
H. S. HARTWELL,
Ffosyffin,
Llanfair Clydogan,
Lampeter,
Dyfed.
October 7.



COURT AND SOCIAL



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BALMORAL CASTLE
October 13: The Queen was represented by Sir Frederick Ashton at the Memorial Service for the Lord Clark which was held in St James's Church, Piccadilly this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 13: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by the Duke of Grafton at the Memorial Service for the Lord Clark, which was held in St James's Church, Piccadilly, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
The Prince of Wales, Duke of Rothesay, this afternoon opened a new Holiday Home for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and visited Grant House for the Elderly at Grantown-on-Spey, Moray.
The Hon Edward Adeane was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by The Hon Mrs Wills at the Memorial Service for the Lord Clark which was held in St James's Church, Piccadilly, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 13: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, as present today at a Service at St Margaret Pattens Church, Eastcheap, EC3. Later His Royal Highness attended a Luncheon at Cutlers' Hall and presented Awards to the Winners of the Company's Annual Young Enterprise Competition.
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.
The Duchess of Gloucester as Patron, was present this evening at a Gala Concert given in aid of Association For All Speech Impaired Children at Guildhall, London.
Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

Viscount and Viscountess Esher regret that owing to absence abroad they were unable to attend the service of thanksgiving for Lord Clark, OM.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Archbishop Philip Strong, former Bishop of New Guinea and Primate of Australia, will take place in St Paul's Church, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, London, at noon on Friday, October 21, 1983.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Denis Follows, will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2, on Thursday, November 10, at noon.

A memorial service will be held for Maria Langlands at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, W8, on Thursday, October 20, at 12.15 p.m.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Montgomery is grateful to everyone who sent kind and loving messages in his bereavement and for the donations to hospitals but is unable to acknowledge each individually.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. G. Walker and Miss G. S. Drew
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Sir Gervas and Lady Walker, of Bristol, and Gillian, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs C. D. Drew, of Weston-super-Mare, Avon.

Mr R. Ashby and Miss L. Renfree
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Ashby, of Newhouse Farm, Balcombe, West Sussex, and Laura, the only daughter of Colonel and Mrs T. J. Renfree, of Umhlanga Rocks, Natal.

Mr N. A. Gaskell and Dr C. J. Tyson
The engagement is announced between Noel Alfred, only son of Mr and Mrs A. L. Gaskell, of Lanefoot Farm, Thornthwaite, Keswick, Cumbria, and Carol Joan, youngest daughter of the late Dr W. J. Tyson and Mrs Tyson, of Millbeck Place, Millbeck, Keswick, Cumbria.

Mr M. J. Gozzett and Miss G. C. M-A Perry
The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mr and Mrs John A. Gozzett, of West Mersea, and Genevieve, daughter of Miss Cecile G. Perry, MBE, also of West Mersea.

Mr R. F. Hartley and Miss J. A. Smithson
The engagement is announced between Roger Franklyn, twin son of Mr and Mrs F. Hartley, of Glen Vine, Isle of Man, and Jayne Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Smithson, of Moraga, California, United States.

Mr R. B. Jackson and Miss J. K. Webster
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of the Very Rev Brandon and Mrs Jackson, of Cathedral Close, Bradford, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. B. Webster, of Frizley Old Hall, Bradford.

Mr I. McLintock and Miss C. Watterson
The engagement is announced between Ian McLintock, of London, NW3, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. J. Watterson, of Leeds, West Yorkshire.

The Rev R. North and Miss M. S. Davies
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mrs Peggy North, of Hereford, and the late Mr W. H. G. North, and Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Davies, of Britten Close, Tupsley, Hereford.

Mr I. Poole and Miss T. Godden
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs D. E. Poole, of Rainham, Kent, and Teresa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. O. Godden, of Maidstone, Kent.

Mr S. M. Richardson and Miss A. M. Hodge
The engagement is announced between Stephen Michael Richardson, eldest son of Mrs J. R. McIntyre and stepson of Mr I. S. McIntyre of the Grange, Ashwellthorpe, Norfolk, and Alison Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. B. Hodge, of Wadesmill Park, Ware, Hertfordshire.

Mr N. J. Shaffner and Miss A. J. Eastcrabbe
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Shaffner, of Sandal, Wakefield, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Archie Eastcrabbe, of North Ferriby, East Yorkshire. The marriage will take place in Beverley on Saturday, October 22, 1983.

Marriages

Mr B. J. Dickens and Mrs L. A. Porter
The marriage took place yesterday at Westminster Register Office of Mr Barnaby Dickens, younger son of Mr A. B. Dickens and of Mrs A. P. McNeile, and Mrs Lucy Porter, younger daughter of Sir Oliver and Lady Millar.

Mr P. Byrne and Mrs A Ordish
The marriage took place on Friday, October 7th, 1983, in London between Mr Peter Byrne, son of Mr Dennis Byrne and the late Mrs Margaret Bryne, and Mrs Auriol Ordish, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Jelly.

Mr J. M. Crawshay and Miss J. A. Huelin
The marriage took place at St Ouen's Church, Jersey, Channel Islands on Saturday of Mr Jonathan Mark Crawshay, youngest son of Captain C. F. Crawshay and of Mrs R. V. C. Montgomerie-Charrington, and Miss Jennifer-Anne Huelin, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. Huelin, of Westpoint, St Ouen, Jersey.
A reception was held at the Hotel de L'Horizon and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr W. G. Madewell and Miss B. Alexander Cameron
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 8 at the Temple Church, London, of Mr William Guy Madewell and Miss Barbara Alexander Cameron. Canon Robinson officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr T. Alexander Cameron, was attended by Mrs Ulla Cameron, matron of honour, Alexandra and Maxine Welch, Selina Gladstone Thompson, Alexander Cameron and Rupert Manduke Curtis. Mr Christopher Vaughan was best man.
A reception was held at the Inner Temple and the honeymoon is being spent in the Far East.





Lord Clark remembered: Sir Frederick Ashton, OM, CH (right) who represented the Queen at the memorial service for Lord Clark, OM, CH, arriving at St James's, Piccadilly, yesterday. The Rev Donald Reeves waits with the Duke of Grafton, who represented Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and the Hon Miss Wills who represented Princess Margaret. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Memorial services

Lord Clark, OM, CH
The Queen was represented by Sir Frederick Ashton, OM, CH, at a memorial service for Lord Clark, OM, CH, held at St James's, Piccadilly, yesterday. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was represented by the Duke of Grafton and Princess Margaret by the Hon Mrs Wills. The Rev Donald Reeves and Father Thomas Daly officiated. The Hon Alan Clark, MP, son, read from the works of John Donne and Mr John Sparrow read from the works of Francis Bacon. Sir John Pope-Hennessy gave an address. Mr Yehudi Menuhin played *Chaconne* from *D Minor Partita* by J. S. Bach. Others present included:

Lady Clark (widow), the Hon Colin Clark (son), the Hon Colette Clark (daughter), the Hon Mrs Alan Clark (daughter-in-law), Mr James Clark (grandson), M and Mme Frederic Armand-de Lille and Mme Angelique Fiedler (stepchildren), Mrs Stewart Cort.

The French Ambassador and Mme de Margerie, Mary Duchess of Roxburghe, the Earl and Countess of Drogheda, the Countess of Snowdon, the Countess of Plymouth, Viscount Eccles, Lord Howard of Henderskelfe, Lady Butler of Saffron Walden, Lord and Lady Gladwyn, Lady Freyberg, Lady Rupert Nevill (representing South East Arts Association), Lady Annabel Lindsay, the Hon Sir John and Lady Sainsbury, the Hon Mrs Godley, Sir John Rodgers, Lady Abdy, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, and Lady Berlin, Dame Ninette de Valois, CH, Sir Claus Moser, Sir Ian Hunter, Lady (Edgar) Bonham-Carter, Professor Sir Stephen and Lady Spender, Sir David Piper (director, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford) with Dr Kenneth Garlick; Sir William Rees-Mogg (Arts Council of Great Britain) with Mr Luke Rittner; Sir Trenchard Cox, Sir Roy and Lady Strong, Sir Denis Forman, Sir Roger Mynors, Sir Paul and Lady Wright, Sir William and Lady Keswick, Sir Edward Ford (secretary and registrar, Order of Merit), Sir Michael Levey (director, National Gallery).

Mrs Yehudi Menuhin, Mrs C Day Lewis, Mr Brinsley Ford (representing the National Art-Collections Fund and the Society of Dilettanti) and Mrs Ford, Mr Richard Morphet (representing the director and trustees, Tate Gallery), Professor José Milicua (Barcelona University), Mr David Foster (York University), Mr Martin Cooper, Miss Janet Adam-Smith, Mr Gabriel White, Mr and Mrs H V Hodson, Mrs J B Priestley, Miss E Greenwood.

Mr and Mrs Peter Levi, Professor John Hedgecoe (Royal College of Art), Mr Humphrey Brooke, Mr Christopher Booker, Mrs Patrick Hodgson, Mr and Mrs John Murray, Professor and Mrs G Forrest, Dr Geoffrey Ashton, Professor Michael Jaffé (Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge), Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, and Mrs Rathbone, Dr Jennifer Montagu (Warburg Institute), Mr Harry Bloch, Mrs R Newman, Mrs Alan Bowness, Mr Simon Haviland (Phaidon Press), Professor Carel Weight, Professor Michael Kitson, Mr Vincent Cronin (Royal Society of Literature), Mrs Reynolds Stone.

Mme C Goguel (Louvre Museum, Paris), Mr Anthony Pragnell (IBA), Mr Alan Martin (Charleston Trust), Mr Richard Kingzett (Thomas Agnew and Sons), Mr Philip Ziegler and Mr Douglas Matthews (London Library), Mr G de Rougemont, Mr Bryan Robertson, Mr P W H Brown (British Academy), Mr Cecil Gould, Dr P Hanbury, Mrs John Williams, Professor F Haskell (Trinity College Oxford), Miss Erica O'Donnell (Study Centre for the History of Fine and Decorative Art), Mr Brian Thom (Clydesdale Bank), Mr Denys Sutton (editor, Apollo) and Mrs Sutton, Miss Henrietta McBurney (Royal Library, Windsor Castle), Mr Neil MacGregor (editor, The Burlington Magazine), Dr Dennis Farr (director, Courtauld Institute Galleries and chairman, Association of Art Historians), Miss C Parker (librarian, Royal Academy), Mr James Lees-Milne, Professor and Mrs J Mordaunt Crook.

Mr Lyon Roussel (controller, Arts Division, British Council), Father Jean Charles-Roux, Father Christopher Cunningham, Mr Derek Hill, Mrs M E Musgrave and Mrs C M Mosselmans.



Sir Rudolph de Trafford
Requiem Mass for Sir Rudolph de Trafford was celebrated yesterday at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, by Father Michael Richards. Mr John de Trafford (grandson), Mrs William Corbett (granddaughter) and Father Richards read the lessons. Among those present were:

Katharine Lady de Trafford (widow), Sir Dermot and Lady de Trafford (son and daughter-in-law), Mr Edmund de Trafford, Mrs John Langdon, Miss Mary de Trafford, Miss June de Trafford, Miss Lucy de Trafford (grandchildren), Isabelle de Trafford (great-granddaughter), Mrs John de Trafford, Mr William Corbett, Mrs Guy de Boulay, Dame Ann Parker Bowles, Lady Bowes Lyon, Lady Aitken, Mrs Fulke Walwyn, Mr and Mrs Simon Parker Bowles, Mr Richard Parker Bowles, Mrs William Faulkner, Miss Catharine Faulkner, Mr and Mrs Joe Goodhart, Colonel and Mrs Andrew Parker Bowles, Miss Doreen O'Brien, Mr John Bowes Lyon, Mr David Bowes Lyon, Mr James Hurd.

The Duke of Portland, the Duke of Marlborough, Viscount Ward of Witley, Lord and Lady Jessel, Lady Thorneycroft, Lady Rosemary Muir, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, Princess Joan Aly Khan, Sir Robert Clark (chairman, Hill Samuel Group), Sir Arthur Collins, Sir John and Lady Colville, Sir Anthony Burney, Sir James and Lady Bowker, Sir Charles Johnston, Mr Frank and Lady Frances Berendt, Major Hugo and Lady Caroline Waterhouse, Brigadier Ereld Cardiff (also representing The British Heart Foundation), Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs John Elton, Mrs Peter Cazalet, Mr Cuthbert Fitzherbert, Mr Francis Sitwell, Count and Countess Michalowski and Miss Harriet Walter.

The Hon Bernard Bruce
A memorial service for the Hon Bernard Bruce was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev Neville Thomas officiated. Major L. M. Calvocoressi read the lesson and Mr Michael Wemyss read from *Pilgrim's Progress*. Field Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton gave an address. Among those present were:

The Hon Mrs Bruce (widow), Mr and Mrs John Gurney, the Hon David Bruce, Lady Jean Wemyss, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, and Lady Mayhew, Mrs Henry Bruce, Mr and Mrs T A N Bristol, Miss Ursula Bruce, Mr and Mrs Gregory Meath Baker, Mrs Michael Wemyss, Mr and Mrs Charles Wemyss, Mr Alastair Bruce, Commander and Mrs G J Hipes, Mrs N F Jenkins, Mrs Brian Durant, Miss Laura Stirling Aird, Mr and the Hon Mrs R Annesley, Mrs de Bunsen, Mr Bernard Babington Smith, Mr A de Chappuis-Konig, the Hon Mrs Georgina Bruce.

The Marquess of Salisbury, the Earl of Lindsay and Abingdon, Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, the Earl of Ilchester, the Countess of Caithness, Lord and Lady Killearn, Lord Burnham, Lord and Lady Cayzer, Denise Lady Kilmarnock, Lady Nunburnholme, Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir, Lord Rotherwick, Lord Soames, CH, Lord Westbury (representing the London branch, Scots Guards Association), Lord and Lady Cullen of Ashbourne, Lady Mary Mansel Lewis, the Hon Mrs A Hazlerigg, the Hon Mrs Douglas Hazelrigg, the Hon Thomas Hazelrigg, the Hon Anthony and Mrs Samuel, Colonel the Hon Julian Berry, the Hon Luke and Mrs Asquith.

Sir Henry Warner, Sir Peter Troubridge, Sir William and Lady Becher, Sir Ian and Lady Moncreiffe of that Ilk, Sir Colin Campbell, Sylvia Lady Wilkinson, Sir Evelyn Delves Broughton, Sir Seymour Egerton, Sir Stephen Hastings, Major-General Sir Digby and Lady Raeburn, Sir Godfrey Morley, Colonel Sir Henry Clowes, Sir Anthony and Lady Cox, Mr and the Hon Mrs Humphrey Humphreys, Mr Petre Crowder, QC, and the Hon Mrs Crowder.

Colonel J A Dunsmure (Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Scots Guards), Mr James Patch (Long Range Desert Group), Wing Commander C E Patterson (representing No 2 Group RAF 1939/45), Mr John Higgs (Ernest Cook Trust), Major Donald Robertson, Mr Billy Hamilton, Major John Surtees, Mr and Mrs R Lloyd Jones, Mme Yolanda Calvocoressi, Mr Roy Calvocoressi, Mr Andrew Calvocoressi, Mrs James Calvocoressi, Mrs I M Calvocoressi, Mr Peter Tunnard, Major-General R H Whitworth, Mrs James Ford.

Mr William Bell, Mr Julian Faber, Mr A Tyser, Mr David Babington Smith, Brigadier and Mrs J B Fishbourne, Mr and Mrs John Stimson, Mrs Roger Harvey, Mrs M Balston, Mme Gertrude Wiese, Brigadier R G Lewthwaite, Mrs A Massingberd-Mundy, Mr Charles Cayzer and Mr Harold Morison.

Birthdays today

Lord Barnett 60; Rear-Admiral Royer Dick, 86; Mr Paul Drury, 80; Mr Justice French, 58; Miss Lillian Gish, 84; Mr James Hodgson, 58; Mr Joe Hyman, 62, Sir Norman Longley, 83; Mr Richard Luce, MP, 47; Mr P H B Lyon, 90; Mr Roger Moore, 56; the Right Rev Peter Mumford, 61; Sir Roland Penrose, 83; Mr Cliff Richard, 43; Mr Roger Taylor, 42; Mr Alan Williams, MP, 53.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
The Ven David Scott, Archdeacon of Stow, and Canon Anthony John Russell, Rector of Whitchurch, Stratford-on-Avon, to be Chaplains to the Queen.
The Marquess of Anglesey to be Lord Lieutenant for Gwynedd, in succession to Sir Richard Harry David Williams-Bulkeley.

Theatres Advisory Council

The Theatres Advisory Council has elected the following:
President, Lord Goodman; vice-president, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP; chairman, Lord Jenkins of Putney; vice-chairmen, Mr Charles Vance, Mr Jack Stoddard and Mr Martin Carr.

Feltmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Feltmakers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master: Sir Kenneth Newton; Upper Warden: Mr A. G. I. Wontner; Renter Warden: Mr D. Watling; Third Warden: Mr M. J. Harper; Fourth Warden: Mr C. F. C. Simeons.

Knighthood for judges

Knighthoods have been conferred on Mr Justice Nicholls and Mr Justice Otton on their appointment as Justices of the High Court of Justice.

Baron Grimond

The life barony conferred on Mr Joseph Grimond has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Grimond, of Firth in the County of Orkney.

Correction

Among those at the memorial service for Mr H. Merriman on Sunday were Sir Godfrey and Lady Morley and Sir Peter and Lady Daniell.



The Earl of Snowdon watching Mr Geoffrey Jackman, a special aids teacher, working on a braille word processor at the RNIB's new London Resource Centre yesterday. Looking on is Mr George Willson, deputy director general of the Institute (Photographs: Suresh Karadia).

Electronic age of the squeaking teacup

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

Forty-seven varieties of cane and stick, a sensor that squeaks when you have poured a full cup of tea, and a computer terminal with a Braille panel instead of a visual display unit (VDU), are among the 500 items on sale at the Royal National Institute for the Blind's new London Resource Centre.

The Earl of Snowdon opened the £100,000 centre yesterday, as part of the RNIB's week of events leading up to International White Cane day on Saturday.

At the same time the institute was showing off its new £125,000 electronic office project, which includes an experimental word processing unit, set up to investigate ways to train blind typists and secretaries in new technology.

Two novel uses of cheap water sensors, designed by the RNIB, caught the imagination of visitors to the Resource Centre in Great Portland Street, Marylebone. One is clipped to the edge of a tea cup. It emits a squeak when a dash of milk is poured into the bottom of the cup and again when the tea or coffee level gets near the rim. The traditional blind technique is to feel with a finger whether the cup is full.

The other device is a "rain alert". The blind person puts it out after hanging up the washing on the line, and it sets off an alarm indoors if raindrops fall on to its sensor plate.

Some of the electronic equipment on display at the resource centre, for example the Optacon print-reading device and the Brailink computer terminal, is also being used in the RNIB electronic office.

That project, financed for a year by the Department of Trade and Industry, is intended to help overcome what its director, Mrs Alison Dodd, calls the "consternation" among blind office workers at the rapid introduction of electronic storage and display systems. The unit will assess alternatives to the VDU that tell blind operators what the computer is doing, for example through a voice synthesizer or Baille generator.

The latest British-designed machine is the £1,000 Braillewriter, a portable electronic note-taker with a Braille keyboard. It can edit stored text, and speak it in English or print it in English or Braille.



❝Any one of us can be forced into premature retirement by chronic ill-health or sudden disablement. To admit such a personal tragedy often takes courage: Beethoven, proudest of men, struck deaf in his 28th year wrote to his brothers – "Ah, how could I possibly admit an infirmity in the *one sense* which ought to be more perfect in me than in others..."
Music-lovers! please help the Musicians Benevolent Fund to succour those in the musical profession who may be in need but dare not admit it to their colleagues.❞

Charles Groves.
SIR CHARLES GROVES CBE

Please send a donation, large or small. It will help to maintain our two homes of residence for elderly and retired musicians and will give comfort to many who long for your support.
Martin Williams, Secretary,
MUSICIANS BENEVOLENT FUND,
16 Ogle Street, London W1P 7LG.

Science report

Key to understanding the cause of schizophrenia

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Schizophrenia is the commonest disease affecting long-stay patients in psychiatric hospitals. Despite its prevalence, little is known about the changes in the brain which produce the symptoms of this severe mental disease.

But recent medical research findings have given some indications of what to look for in the way of abnormal signs of brain chemistry and shape recorded by new diagnostic cameras.

One class of tranquillizing drugs is found to be especially affective in Schizophrenia and these compounds have one action in common: an ability to block the effects of dopamine in the brain. Dopamine is a neurotransmitter, a chemical released by a nerve cell to pass a signal to the next cell.

Examining brain tissue obtained from schizophrenic patients after death, biochemists have searched for evidence of an overactivity from an excess of dopamine, but they have so far been unable to find any changes which cannot be attributed to effects of the drugs given to these patients.

On the other hand, some success has been obtained from an entirely different approach. Several psychologists and physiologists have results from a variety of different tests, including electro-encephalograph (EEG) measurements, of brain wave patterns which indicate that the left half of the brain is working abnormally in the schizophrenic.

Some epileptics have symptons like schizophrenia and EEG recordings show that in most of these patients the abnormality lies in a region in the left half of the brain.

These two approaches in the search for the basic abnormality in schizophrenia are totally different. However, a recent report published in *Nature* manages to bridge the gap between them.

Dr Gavin Reynolds, from the Medical Research Council Brain Tissue Bank at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, has compared the amounts of dopamine in some regions of the left and right hemispheres of brains taken from schizophrenic patients at post mortem.

In one of these regions, the amygdala, no left/right difference is found in brains from non-schizophrenics while in patients who had the disease dopmine is increased, but only in the left side of the brain.

Thus the asymmetric increase of dopamine in a specific part of the brain may well provide the key to a new understanding of this psychiatric disease.

There is something of a controversy among the neurobiologists and neurochemists about whether abnormal levels of dopamine or noradrenaline another main neurotransmitter, are a primary cause of schizophrenia.

But Dr Reynolds and two colleagues, Dr L. L. Iverson of the Neurosciences Research Centre, Merck, Sharp and Dohme, and Dr S. H. Snyder of the Department of Neurosciences, Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore suggest the weight of evidence is against noradrenaline.

However they also emphasis that the evidence of the causal role for dopamine is strong but not proved.

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OBITUARY

MR NEIL ALCOCK
Welfare of rural blacks in South Africa

Mr Randolph Vigne writes:
Neil Alcock, the Natal farmer who was killed in a Zulu faction fight on September 28, was one of the tiny number of whites to have crossed the gulf between them and the rural black poor of South Africa. His life was a beacon to a better way, erected despite his impossible position between the two communities, and irreconcilable elements within them.

Born at Underberg, Alcock, a warm, outgoing character, farmed all his life in Natal, except for the years of war service, forays into politics with the non-racial Liberal Party and his time with Kupugani, the national welfare organization he founded in the early 1960s. Its object was to bring the country's huge food surpluses within the buying power of the country's African population, then as now mostly living below the poverty line, and its work consequently continues today, though under different names.

From 1967 to 1975 he ran Church Agricultural Projects from a Catholic mission farm in Natal, making the Zulu farm people joint owners of a stock of 1,300 cattle, built up with outside aid, developing home industries, literacy work, and above all agricultural training. His fluent command of Zulu, deep rapport with the black peasantry and encyclopedic knowledge of the land and its agricultural needs made him a teacher who could have done wonders in other societies.

He was not only caught between the white farmers and their black labour force and a thorn in the side of officialdom, to whom the Maria Ratschitz farm was a "black spot" in what was now to be a white area, but also a cause of resentment to the older black mission people who were hostile to the new families he brought in. This led to the burning of the farm and Alcock's enforced removal.

His final project was near Weenen, on the dry, thorn-country borders of the Kwa Zulu "bantustan" among some 20,000 black former labour-tenants forced into the bantustan by the removals system. The 6,000-acre Mdukutshani, the "place of no grass", became a cattle cooperative which survived red-water, tick-borne diseases and tensions with whites and blacks, to be succeeded by vegetable farming and the usual ceaseless flow of other ideas – self-help schemes, methane gas digesters, solar heating and new ways of training based on Alcock's deep knowledge of veld vegetation and its inter-relationship with the Zulu cattle people.

The present drought was the worst enemy of all, as Zulu cattle strayed on to white farms, to be shot or impounded, and precious rights of way to the Tugela river, the last source of water, were closed.

He fought for legal aid for the black victims (the only "hand-outs" he would tolerate), worsening if possible his relationship with his white neighbours, but was still endlessly active with new ideas – hay from the leaves of the omnipresent acacia thorn-trees, another scheme for burning the cattle bones littering the veld for fertilizer, which brought thousands to Mdukutshani to learn from him.

A recent television report on the drought showed British viewers his tall figure, now with patriarchal long grey beard, in the midst of this last scheme. Always about him was the timeless, bloody feuding of the Mpembu clan, heightened by the terrible effects of apartheid, drought and, more recently, gun-running.

While taking a peace-making party through hostile territory, with typical bravery and self-sacrifice, Neil Alcock was killed in an ambush with five of the elders accompanying him.

He is survived by his second wife and devoted companion in all these later struggles, formerly, as Creina Bond, editor of *South African Wild Life*, and by their two adolescent sons.

MR JIRI LEDERER

Mr Jiri Lederer, who died in Bad Reichenhall, in West Germany, on October 12, was a Czech dissident writer who had a long and troubled career as a journalist in Czechoslovakia until he emigrated in September, 1980.

He became nationally known as a writer during the reformist period of the "Prague Spring" in 1968. After the Soviet invasion in August of that year he became a leading figure in the opposition, serving several spells in prison. He was a stubborn and courageous man whose independent thinking was a constant source of irritation to Czechoslovak regimes

Born in 1922, he lost his parents in Nazi concentration camps, and was himself incarcerated in a camp in Poland. He escaped and remained in Poland until the end of the war, when he returned to Czechoslovakia as a Social Democrat to work as a journalist for a daily paper. Being on the left wing of the party he favoured the merger with the Communist Party, which he joined after 1948.

In 1951 he was expelled from the Journalists' Union and became a lathe operator until 1954, when he was allowed to work in the cultural department of a Prague evening paper. But in 1958 he was sacked for writing a favourable review of Skvorecky's *Cowards*. After doing manual work and some journalistic freelancing he had a brief spell on *Literarny Noviny* before being sacked again.

In 1968 he worked on *Literarny Listy*, and later joined the weekly magazine *Reporter*. After the Soviet invasion he helped organized passive resistance and was arrested in January, 1970, and held for two months. He was arrested again in 1972 and sentenced to two years but was released after one year.

In 1977 Lederer was among the first signatories of the human rights document Charter 77. He was almost immediately arrested and eventually sentenced to three years in prison. When he emerged he applied successfully for emigration with his Polish wife and daughter.

MR HOWARD STEELE

Mr Howard Steele, who died on October 11 at the age of 54, had been managing director of Sony Broadcast Ltd, a British subsidiary of the Sony Corporation of Japan, since 1978. Before that, he had been Director of Engineering of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, and had played a considerable part in the development of television in this country.

He was born on September 23, 1929, and educated at Mill Hill School and Imperial College, London. After some years with the Marconi Company and Alpha Television Studios in Birmingham he joined ABC Television, where he was Chief Engineer from 1961 to 1966. He became Chief Engineer of the Independent Television Authority in 1966, then Director of Engineering in 1969, and remained after the ITA had become the IBA.

As Chief Engineer at the ITA he was involved in the major expansion of the authority's engineering activities before the launching of the 625-line UHF colour service in November, 1969.

Steele was a member of the technical committee of the European Broadcasting Union from 1964 to 1978, and served on the National Electronics Council.

In May of this year he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Television Society

Luncheon

Pattenmakers Company
The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Pattenmakers' Company, yesterday attended a church service at St Margaret Pattens at which the preacher was the Rt Rev Launcelot Fleming. The Duke later spoke at a Court luncheon of the Company held at Cutlers' Hall. The Master, Mr C. A. E. Prendegast, welcomed the guests and the Warden to the Trade, Mr W. R. F. Chamberlain, also spoke.

Service luncheons

Royal Regiment of Fusiliers
A luncheon was held yesterday in the City of London Headquarters Royal Regiment of Fusiliers at HM Tower of London for those officers of The Royal Fusiliers who served with the regiment in Korea. Major-General D. M. Woodford, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

TA & VR Association, for the Lowlands of Scotland
The Lowlands TA & VR Association held a luncheon yesterday at the North British Hotel, Glasgow on the occasion of the visit of Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Burgess, Inspector General Territorial Army, Air Vice-Marshal J. F. H. Tetley, Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, and Brigadier Peter Stevenson, Commander, 52nd Lowland Brigade, were present. Lieutenant-Colonel William Swan, president of the association, presided.

Dinners

Upholders' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at the annual dinner of the Upholders' company held last night at Mansion House. The Master, Mr Gordon Day, presided and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Mr Jonathon Charkham and Mr Justice Parker.

Chartered Surveyors' Company
The Chartered Surveyors' Company held its installation dinner at Ironmongers' Hall last night. The Master, Mr P W Grafton, presided and received the guests with the Senior Warden, Mr D R Male, and the Junior Warden, Mr R W P Luff. The Master, Sir Frank Layfield, QC, and Major-General Sir Gerald Duke were the speakers. Other guests included:
Mr J C Foot, The Masters of Glaziers', Gardeners', Actuaries' and Insurers' Companies, Mr J R Crickmay, the Rev Basil Watson, and the Clerks to the Ironmongers' and Insurers' Companies.

Royal Opera House
Sir Claus Moser, Chairman, and Sir John Tooley, General Director of the Royal Opera House, last night gave a dinner at Covent Garden for the Chairman and Directors of the Regional Arts Associations. Among those present were:
Mrs Elizabeth Thomas, Chairman of the Council of Regional Arts Associations, Mr Luke Rittner, Secretary General of the Arts Council, Councillor Tom Taylor, Chairman of East Midlands Arts, Mr Patrick Gilbert, Chairman of Greater London Arts, Mr Ian Fraser, Chairman of Lincolnshire and Humberside Arts, Mr Christopher Kerr, Chairman of Merseyside Arts, Lady Rupert Nevill, Chairman of South East Arts, Mr Roger Bull, Chairman of South West Arts, and the following directors of the Royal Opera House: Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, the Hon Colette Clark, Sir Denis Forman, Lord Kissin, Lord Richardson, the Hon Sir John Sainsbury, Sir Francis Sandilands and Mr Angus Stirling.

Service dinner

Headquarters RAF Support Command
Air Vice-Marshal M K Adams, Air Officer Commanding Training Units, RAF Support Command, and members of Brampton Park Officers' Mess held a dinner last night. The principal guests were Mr J Pratt and Mr S Thomas, Group Captain G H E Mitchell presided.



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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 686.0 down 6.1
FT Gilts: 81.04 down 0.34
FT All Share: 431.98 down 5.46
Bargains: 19,695
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 94,53 down 1.86
New York: Dow Jones Average: 1,262.60 up 2.95
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,472.35 down 90.90
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 738.51 up 1.83
Amsterdam: 151.9 down 0.4
Sydney: AO Index 695.5 up 0.2
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 970.0 up 6.30
Brussels: General Index 128.59 down 0.27
Paris: CAC Index 141.0 up 0.3
Zurich: SKA General 289.2 down 0.4

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.5000 down 40pts
Index 83.6 down 0.1
DM 3.9075 down 0.0275
FrF 11.9450 down 0.0650
Yen 349.50 down 3.0
Dollar
Index 126.2 down 0.1
DM 2.6040
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4987
Dollar DM 2.6080
INTERNATIONAL
ECU£0.866332
SDR£0.707331

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9
Finance houses base rate 10
Discount market loans week fixed 9
3 month interbank 9 5/16-9 3/8
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9 9/16-9 11/16
3 month DM 5 7/8-5¾
3 month FrF 14¾-14½
US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 9½
Treasury long bond 102¾-102⅞
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period September 7 to October 4, 1983 inclusive: 9.719 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am $397.50 pm $398.65 close $398-398.50 (£265.50-265.90)
New York latest: $397.80
Krugerrand* (per coin): $409-410.50 (£272.75-273.75
Sovereigns* (new): $93.25-94.25 (£62.25-63)
*Excludes VAT

TODAY

Interims: Allebone & Sons, Barr and Wallace Arnold Trust, British Empire Securities and General Trust, Hammerson Property Investment and Development Corpn, Lee Cooper Group, Photax (London), Prince of Wales Hotels, Roberts Adlard, Scottish Heritable Trust, Thurgar Bardex, UEI.
Finals: Rosehaugh.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Robert M. Douglas Holdings, Shenstone House, George Road, Erdington, Birmingham (noon).
Samuel Heath, Leopold Street, Birmingham (10.00).
Jones Stroud, Grange Farm, Toton, Birmingham (noon).
Peerless, Penns Hall Hotel, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield (noon).
Second Alliance Trust, Meadow House, Reform Street, Dundee (*11.30*).
Wyndham Engineering, Brownhills Hotel, Saunders Road, Cardiff (noon).

NOTEBOOK

John Mowlem, the construction group, has increased pretax profits from £3.4m to £4.1m in the six months to June 30 compared with the same stage last year. Next year's profits will be helped by the award of a 40 per cent share of the £230m contract for a new airport in the Falklands.
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● **Steel production** in the public and private sectors averaged 322,200 tonnes a week in September, the highest since March last year and more than 42 per cent up on the depressed output of a year ago.

Last month's higher production was due largely to better output at some British Steel Corporation works, particularly at Scunthorpe. Better output last month boosted the nine-month weekly average to 288,800 tonnes against 281,000 a year ago.

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Disappointment for Chancellor despite slight upward trend

Lower industrial output reinforces CBI doubts on recovery

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The output of British industry fell in August, though the underlying trend remained slowly upward, according to official figures released yesterday.

this is disappointing news for the Government, only a day after Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, expressed optimism at the Conservative Party conference over the course of recovery. It will also reinforce industry's fears, voiced by the Confederation of British Industry again yesterday, that the upturn may not be sustainable.

Manufacturing output fell 1.1 per cene August after a sharp increase in July. But higher production by the energy sector, including North Sea oil and gas, helped output in the production industries as a whole (defined as manufacturing plus energy) which fell by just 0.3 per cent.

A better guid to underlying trends than the monthly figures, which tend to move erratically, is what has happened in the latest three months. Manufacturing output was 1 per cent above its level in the previous three months and 2 per cent higher than a year earlier.

But Britain's factories are still producing only 3.5 per cent more than they were at the trough of the recession in early 1981 and 15 per cent less than in 1979 before the downturn.

Production industries as a whole, helped by the booming energy sector, have fared better. Output was 2.5 per cent above its level a year earlier, after a rise of 1 per cent in the latest three months, and 6.5 per cent above its 1981 nadir. But it remains nearly 8 per cent below the 1979 peak more than two years after the upswing is supposed to have begun.

The construction industry, which set a cracking pace last year, is again in the doldrums, with output down 3 per cent between the first and second quarters. This is particularly worrying for the Government since construction provides a large number of jobs both directly and indirectly through fuelling demand for household goods and services.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT
seasonally adjusted 1980 = 100

	Production industries	Manufacturing
1979	107.0	109.4
1980	100.0	100.0
1981	96.1	93.4
1982	98.1	93.7
1982 Q1	97.1	94.4
Q2	98.0	94.1
Q3	98.8	93.6
Q4	98.3	92.9
1983 Q1	99.5	94.4
Q2	99.6	94.3
1983 June	98.8	93.9
July	101.5	96.4
Aug	101.2	95.3
3-month change %	+0.8	+1.1

Source: CSO

Mr Nigel Lawson told Conservatives at Blackpool on Wednesday that he expected the economy as a whole – which includes the more prosperous service sector – to grow by up to 3 per cent this year compared with the 2 per cent prediction made in the Budget. There were no signs that the recovery was petering out, he said.

But yesterday Sir Campbell Fraser, president of the CBI, said industrialists were lowering their expectation of growth this year and there were worries about the outlook for the upturn next year.

"There are signs of recovery. Prospects, albeit patchy, look better than for some time. But sustained recovery is by no means guaranteed", Sir Campbell told West Midlands CBI members.

Higher commodity prices and "the failure of interest rates to fall as fast as we hoped" have dampened industry's optimism, he added.

The sluggish growth of industrial output can be largely attributed to Britain's poor trade performance. Exports have been stagnant while imports have picked up sharply, benefiting from the consumer *boom and restocking by British* industry.

Industries performing best in recent months have included those in the consumer sector – notably electrical engineering which comprises companies producing washing machines, computers, and motor vehicles.

The output of consumer goods industries as a whole is only 2 per cent higher than in the spring of 1981, less than half the increase in household spending.

City Editor's Comment

A consensus built on compromise

In the labyrinthine world of international trade negotiations, no corner is more obscure than export finance subsidies for capital goods and big projects. But those prepared to cut through the complexities of the new consensus can draw a sigh of relief that peace has broken out in one of the potentially most explosive and expensive areas of reverse protectionism.

They will also find that, as with so many of these bureaucratic compromises, the potential for distortion and ultimately corruption on discretionary subsidies remains high.

If it was just a matter of governments trying to clinch export deals by offering meconomic credit terms, the matter might easily be resolved.

The problems really start because different interest rates prevail in different countries and, more important, on different currencies.

In theory, the interest rate differentials (reflected in forward currency markets) should match the likely future movements of currencies against each other. But as any exporter or currency dealer knows, real life is not like that.

Hence countries with high interest rate currencies, like France or Italy, argue that they are at a disadvantage in exporting, while countries with low-interest currencies (LIRCs), like Germany and Japan, cry cheat if high interest rates subsidized.

In practice is was the Americans who wanted to set minimum interest rates more in line with market rates to cut the public spending involved in subsidies. This argument threatened to lead to a complete breakdown after the old consensus ran out earlier this year.

The main point, therefore, is that a new consensus has been reached, removing the threat of a widly expensive and self-defeating interest subsidy war.

When it comes to detail, as in all good international caucus races, everyone can claim to have won. The minimum interest rates for high-interest currencies have been cut, pleasing the French. But future rates are *now to be regulated automatically* by a system worked out by the OECD secretariat on the basis of changes in market rates on the IMF's basket of currencies.

What this means is that, unless world interest rates fall meanwhile, the small cuts agreed to operate from October will be eleminated as soon as the first automatic adjustment is made in January, leading to progressive cuts in subsidies.

In any case, countries like France and Italy will still be able to offer large nominal interest rate subsidies.

But LIRC nations can still offer lower nominal rates.

The advantage depends on the importers' willingness to take a risk on these *currencies not rising to* offset their interest rate advantage.

On the face of it, as one big British exporter found on clinching an Eastern block deal, there could be a big advantage in British exporters quoting in marks or yen especially when the importing developing country has a big mark of yen income to remove any currency risk.

As Japan and Germany are huge importers of primary commodities, this applies to many Third World countries. So we may well see a progressive switch to yen and marks as international trading currencies, something that will greatly annoy both these cautious countries.

Licensed dealers go for self-regulation

By Philip Robinson

The National Association of Licensed dealers and Investment Managers is set to become the first City organization for a generation to be given government backing to regulate itself.

The association, formed two years ago to help protect investors from ill-regulated investment advisers, has an application before the Department of Trade and Industry to become a "recognised authority". This would mean that it would have complete control over its members who would no longer require a licence, issued by the department, to deal in securities.

The department will continue to license those who do not wish to become association members.

The department, which has sole discretion over granting licences, has been more vigilant since the disasters of three licensed dealers over the past three years. The most spectacular was Norton Warburg, a member of the old Licensed Dealers Association – out of which Nasdim grew. The firm had its licence reaewed by the *department a short time before* collapsing. The investors whom it advised lost everything.

The number of licensed dealers in the country is estimated at between 500 and 600. Of Nasdim's 250 members, about half are licensed dealers. The rest of its members include those who think that changes in the investor protection rules may well require them to hold a dealer's licence.

The association has just produced criteria for eligibility for membership, and also a code of conduct, a structure to govern breaches of the code, and rules on the way clients' money is to be kept and on how the individual financial resources of the companies are to be maintained.

The rules and code will be put to the vote for approval at the group's annual meeting in London on November 11.

It is understood that the rules require clients' money to be maintained separately from a firm's financial resources. Rules exis to cover the three separate relationships which firms may have with clients: as agents, principal or discretionary investment manager.

An insurance policy taken *out by the individual firm as* part of its membership of the association, will protect investors against negligence or fraud.



Spurs day at the Stock Exchange with brokers sporting club scarves (Photograph: John Manning)

Spurs tackle the market

By Michael Clark

Tottenham Hotspur Football Club almost kicked off its stock market debut with an own goal yesterday as the shares quickly slipped to a discount.

Not even the presence of such stars as Ossie Ardilles and Garth Crooks could help the professional market stags who had been hoping to make a quick and highly profitable killing from the North London club's decision to become the first fully quoted Footbal League team.

In the event, the 3.8 million shares offered a 100p a time opened at 106p, but quickly retreated to 94p – a 6p discount – as a big seller of 100,000 shares appeared. Dealers estimated that over 1.5 million shares – nearly half of the entire issue – had changed hands by the close of business last night.

As a result the price staged a succesful rally to close at 101p

Talks on Japan car curbs

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Officials of Britain's Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders will open discussions with their counterparts in Japan later this month in an effort to continue the voluntary restriction on Japanese car sales in the United Kingdom.

After official talks, the leaders of the two industry associations will meet early in the new year. The SMMT is hopeful that Japan's car makers will continue their "prudent marketing policy" which has limited their penetration of the United Kingdom market to about 11 per cent. This year, sales could exceed the 1979 level of 1.71 million.

Meanwhile, a five-day series of meetings ends today at the SMMT's London headquarters between the purchasing directors of Japan's nine leading motor companies and representatives of 72 British component manufacturers aimed at increasing exports to Japan of United Kingdom car parts and accessories.

Subsidies deal averts world trade war

By John Lawless

The industrially advanced countries yesterday pulled back from the brink of a trade war on export credit subsidies which had been threatening for seven months.

An agreement on the OECD consesus, which sets minimum interest rates at which capital good sales can be made to developing countries, was announced in London.

The new deal will not only boost export sales, but will also mean a large saving in public expenditure. The interest rate subsidy, which the Treasury pays banks to compensate for differences between market and consensus rates, will be "very greatly reduced" over the next three years.

The main point of the new agreement is a fully automatic adjustment of interest rates every six months, starting in January.

ECGD Revised minimum interest rates (old rates in brackets):

	Category I (relatively rich)	Category II (intermediate)	Category III (relatively poor)
	%	%	%
For credits between 2-5 years inclusive	12.15 (12.15)	10.35 (10.85)	9.5 (10)
For credits over 5 years	12.4 (12.4)	10.7 (11.35)	9.5 (10)

Dow loses early gain

New York (AP – Dow Jones) – Shares were mixed on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday, with blue chips above Wednesday's close, but secondary issues were depressed. Traders reported some selling pressure earlier in the day.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up by about 1½ points after slipping from an early gain of more than 4 points.

Car shares were buoyant. Ford, which declared a larger dividend for the fourth quarter than for the third and split its stock on a 3-for-2 basis, was up 1¾ at 68. General Motors was up 1¼ at 77¾ and Chrysler 1 at 31⅝.

WALL STREET

With the blue chips largely ahead, led by IBM, at 133½, up 1, most downward pressure on the Dow Index was coming from Union Carbide, off ¾, at 66⅞, Minnesota Mining, of ¾, at 85½, United Technologies, off ⅝, at 67¼, American Express, off ⅜, at 38.

KN Energy was down by 2¼ at 42⅜.

'Steady recovery' at The Times

By Our Financial Staff

The Times has many problems to overcome before it reaches profitability but its recovery continues steadily, Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Corporation, said in the annual report published yesterday.

News Corporation is the parent company of Times Newspapers Ltd, owner of *The Times, The Sunday Times* and the Times supplements.

Gains in circulation and advertising over the last year "make it clear that the paper is now on a path of strong growth," the report says.

The Sunday Times has also made progress. In spite of a drop in the combined circulation of all quality Sunday papers, it increased its market share and now accounts for 46 per cent of all quality Sunday circulation, and, after a 16 per cent rise in revenue, for 49 per cent of advertising.

Mr Murdoch pointed to a 16 per cent growth in circulation of *The Times* while its main competitor, the *Daily Telegraph*, lost 5 per cent. Advertising revenue was up 9 per cent. In the first six months of 1983, advertising volume was up 25 per cent, "way ahead of a 3.3 per cent growth for the total quality daily market".

The supplements as a whole showed increased profits, but this was due to the bouyant performance of *The Times Educational Supplement*.

US steps in after big run on bank

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US Government has saved the First National Bank of Midland, in the largest oil-producing region of west Texas, after it reported a string of losses on evergy-related loans which triggered a big run on *deposits beginning in late* August.

News surfaced yesterday that two federal agencies have lent about £700 (£466m) over a number of months to the bank to prevent it from going under. Its failure would have been the largest in the US since the collapse of the Penn Square Bank of Oklahoma.

The Federal Desposit Insurance Corporation disclosed the bank's problems during a briefing at which it announced that it had made a loan of about $100m – one of the largest in its history – to First National.

Normally the agency, which was created after the Depression to insure individual deposits up to $100,000, makes a simultaneous acquisition announcement when it discloses a bank rescue programme but in this case it has been unable to find a buyer, a spokesman said.

The corporation was forced to come to the rescue after the Federal Reserve Board, cut off further assistance having reportedly lent up to &650m to the Texas bank.

Concern over the stability of banks, many of them quite large, has been growing for about 18 months

£29.5m rights issue knocks 10p off shares

MFI plans £50m expansion

By Jeremy Warner

MFI Funiture Group yesterday launched a £29.5m rights issue to help finance expenditure of about £50m over the next two years on up to 40 new stores and relocations.

The stock market had been expecting a rights issue since the group announced record yearly results last July. But confirmation of the cash call wiped 10p off the group's share price to 130p.

Shareholders are being offered one new share at 120p for every seven shares held. Mr Arthur Southon, the chairman, is subscribing for less than half of his entitlement, while Mr Noel Lister, the chief executive, is taking up only 1 million of the 2.1 million shares he is entitled to. The balance is being placed in the market.

It is the first cash call MFI has made since it went public in 1971 with only nine stores. Today the group trades from over 12 stores, with a nationwide spread of more than 3 million square feet of selling space.

There was no profit or dividend forecast accompanying yesterday's fund-raising, but Mr Southon did say that trading had continued to be "most satisfactory". At the annual meeting last month, he said that the results were already well ahead of those of the previous year. Brokers are forecasting profits of at least £36m, against £30.8m last time.

By next May MFI expects to have opened six more branches and completed about 12 store relocations.

This expansion will be stepped up the year after when up to 22 new stores and relocations are expected to be completed.

Mr Southon said that although this programme alone would take the group's total selling space to over 4.25 million square feet, he felt there would still be scope fo opening up to 30 further stores in Britain.

"We have found that we can locate stores closer together than we thought without damaging the business of existing outlets, especially in London", he said.

MFI's last big issue, a placing of the bulk of the shares held by the group's founders in 1979, went badly wrong when a *sudden downturn in trade* caused the company to miss the £18m profits forecast it had made for 1980.

But since then MFI has gone from strength to strength, improving its share of the middle rung market for bedroom and kitchen furniture

COATS PATONS PLC

Interim Results

Unaudited results for January /June 1983 and the comparative figures for 1982 are as follows:–

£s millions	Jan/June 1983	Jan/June 1982	Year 1982
Turnover	401.7	394.0	856.2
Trading profit before charging depreciation	47.1	39.7	102.3
Less: Depreciation	9.1	8.3	16.8
Trading Profit	38.0	31.4	85.5
Interest and other charges	7.1	8.9	18.5
	30.9	22.5	67.0
Profits of associated companies	1.4	1.5	5.0
Investment and other income	1.5	2.0	4.9
Profits before taxation	33.8	26.0	76.9
Taxation	12.9	10.2	31.0
	20.9	15.8	45.9
Investment grants	0.2	0.2	0.4
Profit after taxation	21.1	16.0	46.3
Interest of minority shareholders	2.2	2.2	5.8
Profit before extraordinary items	18.9	13.8	40.5
Extraordinary losses	6.0	2.2	14.9
Profit earned for ordinary shareholders	12.9	11.6	25.6
Ordinary dividends	4.2	3.9	11.6
Profit retained	8.7	7.7	14.0
Earnings per ordinary share of 25p	6.8p	5.0p	14.6p
U.S. Dollar rate of exchange used – Dollars per £	1.50	1.70	1.62

Sales at £401.7mn compare with £394.0mn in 1982. Sales are not recorded in 1983 for Venezuela which is now an associate. This change, together with the disposal and closure programme in diversifications, leaves sales value 4% ahead of 1982 for current business. This increase is attributed to OECD exchange movements. Volume was held overall. Prices have moved ahead in most parts of the world but the sharp effect of South American currency devaluations, when expressed in Sterling, represents a reduction in the value of our sales in South America equivalent to 3% of total Group sales.

Trading profits at £38.0mn were 21% up on 1982 £31.4mn with margins at 9% compared with 8%. OECD exchange rate movements added £3.1mn to profits.

Interest charges were down at £17.1mn compared with 1982 principally due to the improvement in gearing achieved in 1982.

Pre-tax profits of £33.8mn were 30% up on the first half of 1982. The results recorded in all regions, excepting South America which was down 25%, were considerably improved and continued the highly satisfactory trends that we foresee for our various activities. The severe down-turn in profits in South America, which included some loss of volume but not market share, reflects the action taken by the governments of the South American countries in their attempts to resolve their external peyments difficulties through deflation of economic activity. The financial base of our businesses in the region is satisfactory under prevailing circumstances.

The rate of tax at 38% is lower than the provision for January/June 1982 and is the rate that we expect for the full year.

Profit before taxation in the current cost accounts reduces to £17.2mn (1982 pre-tax historical £26.0mn, pre-tax current cost £8.6mn).

Net debt compared with shareholders' and minority funds is expected to be 29% (1982 26%) at the end of 1983.

Extraordinary losses at £6.0mn are about half of the level that we anticipate for the year as a whole. These losses represent the costs which are being incurred during the period arising from reorganisation and closure programmes in the U.K. and Europe.

Trading conditions are encouraging in all regions other than South America. During periods of high inflation and devaluation South American profits have a much greater effect on our July/December results than they do in January/June. As these are down some 25%, overall Group results for the second half of 1983 will be lower than those for the second half of 1982. Nevertheless, if present trends in the U.K., U.S.A. and Australia continue, our overall performance for the year should be satisfactory.

An interim dividend of 1.5p per share (1982 1.4p) will be paid on 30th December, 1983, to ordinary shareholders on the register on 11th November, 1983.

Farnell to expand as profits jump

By Vivien Goldsmith

Farnell Electronics the Leeds-based electronic equipment manufacturer, has produced a shining set of half-time figures with profits up by more than 50 per cent from £4.5m to almost £7m.

Farnell Electronics
Half-year to 31.7.83
Pretax profit £6.97m (£4.52m)
Stated earnings 5.4p (3.5p)
Turnover £27.08m (£19.42m)
Net interim dividend 1.2p (0.75p)
Share price 320. Yield 0.9p

Turnover during the six months increased by 40 per cent from £19.4m to £27.1m and the company is expanding with the enlargement of the factory at Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire. A smaller factory is being built on the same site and 8,000 sq ft of storage space has been bought in Wetherby to allow the present factory to extend its manufacturing operation.

The dividend of 1.2p is 60 per cent up on last year's interim. This increase is partly aimed at equalizing the two dividend payments. Last year, the payments were 0.75p and 1.25p.

The company attributes the profit figures to the continuing predominance of the more lucrative small quantity orders for development and production and the benefits of last year's investment in buildings and production equipment.

The company manufactures 500 products related to data processing, telecommunications and measuring equipment.

Carrian liquidator expects more Hongkong collapses

The liquidator of Carrian Investments expects corporate collapses in Hongkong to continue for some time.

Mr Alan Hann said in an interview with *International Accounting Bulletin* that insolvency would occur not only in property and banking but across the board. "We expect a boom in insolvency and investigation work."

● In Hongkong, financial markets and banks suspended activities yesterday after the Royal Observatory raised the signal for the approaching Typhoon Joe.

The gold and stock markets closed at the end of the morning sessions.

● Progress has been made in the efforts of a Hongkong-appointed receiver to take over management of a foreign-owned factory in China.

Representatives of Peat Marwick Mitchell, the receiver for LMK Nam Sang Dyeing Factory, are said to have agreed with Chinese officials in the Shenzhen special economic zone, where the factory is located, that the receiver has management rights over the factory.

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Why gold relief may be short-lived

Gold put on about $4 yesterday to close a whisker above $399 an ounce, thereby stilling fears that the crash towards $300 had begun. But the relief may be momentary. Not only are the chances of gold ending the year at $450 slim – a reasonable hope a few months ago–but the current level looks precarious.

The weakness of the gold price can be seen in two ways, one by looking at the circumstantial evidence, the other by looking at fundamentals.

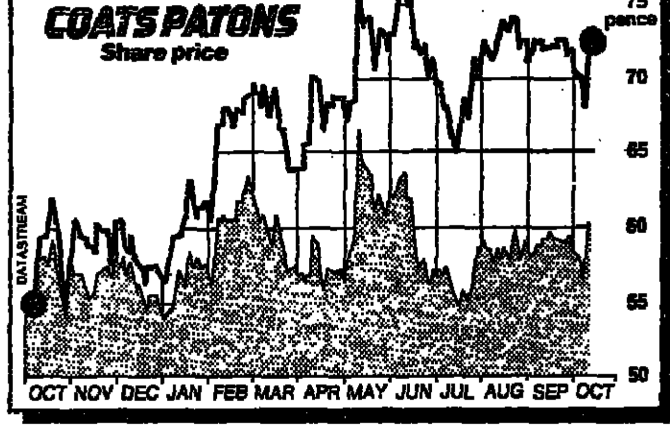
On the first count, it must be argued forcibly that if the debt crisis, the IMF running short of cash, the endless feuding in Lebanon and in the Gulf, and the shooting down of the Korean jet did not push up gold, very little else will. In the same vein, gold seems to have discounted the continuing strength of the dollar.

If one accepts that all such factors are broadly discounted, the present price must be largely supported by either fundamentals or the time-honoured fear of inflation.

But the "fundamentals" of supply and demand offer small consolation because they have not essentially changed since last year. Jewelry demand has been firmer, but speculative demand is almost absent, and mine supply has not varied enough to explain price behaviour.

So what of inflation? Investors really began to buy gold in large quantities as an inflation hedge in 1978 when the price was under $200. Since then the average gold price has been $392, yet the inflation rate would have implied a price of $221.

The present price discounts 15 years of inflation. Is that what investors believe, or is gold seriously overvalued?



Coats Patons

Coats Patons
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £33.8m (£26m)
Stated earnings 68p (5p)
Turnover £401.7m (£394m)
Net interim dividend 1.5p (1.4p)
Share price 72p
Dividend payable 11.11.83

Timing has played a large part in the apparently impressive profits performance of textile group Coats Patons.

Over the past five years static earnings resulted from increased competition in a period when the industrial customer base was dwindling.

That pushed the management into a restructuring of production facilities, particularly in Britain and Europe. Money was also pumped into the Australian and North American businesses. The programme is just about complete and has started producing significant benefits.

That is just as well, because current figures show a 25 per cent drop in income from major trading profits contributor, Latin America.

The exchange rate also helped. Each cent improvement in the dollar contributes £250,000 to pre-tax profits. So with last year's figures computed on a dollar/sterling rate of $1.70 and this year on a rate of £1.50, up to £5m has been earned from the weakness of the pound.

The main beneficiary has been the Coats side of the business, particularly Jaegar and the quality cashmere and knitwear sides.

But the Latin American downturn will have a much greater effect on profits in the second half, so the company admits that the current second half will not match last year's £50.9m.

Latin America contributed £35.6m to 1982's trading profit of £97m. So a full-year year contribution looks to be about £25m. If the exchange rate stays weak and the other divisions "more than balance" the Latin American drop, then Coats Patons could end the year about 1982's level of £76.9m pretax.

The management must be breathing a sigh of relief that it has successfully bridged what could have been a very sticky year.

Mowlem

John Mowlem and Co.
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £4.1m (£3.4m)
Stated earnings 11.9p (11.3p)
Turnover £156m (£138m)
Net interim dividend 2.2p (2.1p)
Share price 186p down 2p

Continuing uncertainty over the Government's public spending plans casts a cloud over the future of the John Mowlem group, despite an otherwise promising start to the year.

First – half pretax profits to June 30 were up to £4.1m from £3.4m at the same stage last year.

The improvement was achieved on a turnover which rose from £138m to £156. It was helped by a turnround in the group's Australian associate company which made a pretax profit of £500,000 against a loss of £100,000 at the comparable stage last year after problems with a construction project in Fiji. The good news for Mowlem investors is the award of a 40 per cent share of the £230m contract to build an airport in the Falklands.

At the same time, Mowlem will reap the benefit from its 20 per cent share of a $300m (£200m) construction contract with the US Navy. There is also the welcome prospect of new road construction orders.

The shares were down by 2p at 186p on publication of the results yesterday, despite an improved interim dividend of 2.2p against 2.1p last time.

The group is capable of more than the £8.5m achieved at the final stage last year, but in the longer run the Chancellor may be the decisive figure.

Empire Stores

Empire Stores (Bradford)
Half-year to 13.8.83
Pretax loss £666,000 (£1.96m)
Stared loss 2.04p (6.03p)
Turnover £73.9m (£69.1m)
Net interim dividend nil (nil)
Share price 66p

Empire Stores (Bradford) seems to have emerged with the best of both worlds despite the Monopolies Commission's block on the takeover bid from Great Universal Stores.

Empire's main problem has always been its inability to contain or collect bad debts. At one point the City was talking of the £37m Gus bid as a rescue. The talk now is all about recovery.

Despite the Government insisting that Gus reduce its Empire shareholding from 29.9 per cent to 9.9 per cent by January 1985, an agreement on a "knowhow" deal allows Gus to help Empire in the areas of recruitment, bad debt and general systems control.

Yesterday Mr John Gratwick, Empire's chairman, unveiled interim figures which cut losses from £1.9m to £666,000 for the 28 weeks to August 13.

There in no halftime dividend again, but Empire should declare a profit by the end of the year and pay a small divedend.

Gus's support begins in earnest next year. If the recovery continues the expertise should be able to lift the Empire share price considerably

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

F. W. Thorpe
Year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £822,000 (£651,000)
Stated earnings 16.3p (12.5p)
Turnover £6.1m (£5m)
Net dividend 3p (2.42p)

Photo-me International
Year to 30.4.83
Pretax profit £3.4m (£2.6m)
Stated earnings 68.76p (58.98p)
Turnover £36.8m (£31.8m)
Net dividend 9.45p (same)

Bellair Cosmetics
Half-year to 30.4.83
Pretax loss £138,000 (£142,000)
Loss per share 5.43p (5.58p)
Turnover £963,000 (£1.1m)
Net dividend None (same)

C. H. Pearce & Sons
Year to 32.5.83
Pretax profit £2.8m (£2.7m)
Stated earnings 165.6p (207p)
Turnover £35.3m (£29.3m)
Net dividend 14.75p (14p)

Office and Electronic Machines
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £1.2m (£1.1m)
Stated earnings 11.32p (10.61p)
Turnover £13.2m (£12.8m)
Net interim dividend 2.5p (same)

John Maunders
Year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £968,000 (£689,000)
Stated earnings 16.7p (14.9p)
Turnover £10.3m (£7.4m)

Highland Electronics Group
Year to 30.4.83
Pretax profit £507,000 (£145,000)
Stated earnings 33.19p (0.65p)
Turnover £9.4m (£8.9m)
Net dividend 1.5p (1p)

Druck Holdings
Year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £1m (£821,000)
Stated earnings 10.6p (6.7p)
Turnover £4.2m (£2.9m)
Net dividend 2.6p (1p)

Time Products
Half year to 31.7.83
Pretax profit £31,000 (loss £1.7m)
Turnover £22.1m (24.1m)
Net interim dividend None

Clive Discount Holdings
Net interim dividend 1.4p (1.3p)

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER FOR SALE AND THE STOCK DESCRIBED BELOW IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DIRECT FROM THE BANK OF ENGLAND. OFFICIAL DEALINGS IN THE STOCK ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE ARE EXCPECTED TO COMMENCE ON FRIDAY. 14TH OCTOBER 1983.

PARTICULARS OF AN ISSUE OF £750,000,000

2½ per cent INDEX-LINKED TREASURY STOCK, 2020

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS:

Amount paid on issue	£30.00 per cent
Amount payable on Monday, 7th November 1983	£30.00 per cent
Amount payable on Monday, 12th December 1983	£31.50 per cent

INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 16TH APRIL AND 16TH OCTOBER

1. The Stock is an investment falling within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961. Application has been made to the Council of the Stock Exchange for the Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

2. The whole of the Stock has been issued to the Bank of England on 12th October 1983 at a price of £91.50 per cent. The amount paid on issue was £30.00 per cent. The amount payable on 7th November 1983 will be £30.00 per cent and the amount payable on 12th December 1983 will be £31.50 per cent.

3. The principal of and interest on the Stock will be a charge on the National Loans Fund, with recourse to the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

4. The Stock will be registered at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast, and will be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963. Transfers will be free of stamp duty.

5. If not previously redeemed under the provisions of paragraph 14, the Stock will be repaid on 16th April 2020. The value of the principal on repayment will be related, subject to the terms of this notice, to the movement, during the life of the Stock, of the United Kingdom General Index of Retail Prices maintained by the Department of Employment, or any index which may replace that index for the purposes of this notice, such movement being indicated by the index figure issued monthly and subsequently published in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

6. For the purposes of this notice, the index figure applicable to any month will be the index figure issued seven months prior to the relevant month and relating to the month before that prior month: "month" means calendar month; and the index ratio applicable to any month will be equal to the index figure applicable to that month divided by the index figure applicable to October 1983.

7. The amount due on repayment, per £100 nominal of Stock, will be £100 multiplied by the index ratio applicable to the month in which repayment takes place. This amount, expressed in pounds sterling to four places of decimals rounded to the nearest figure below, will be announced by the Bank of England not later than the business day immediately preceding the date of the penultimate interest payment.

8. Interest will be payable half-yearly on 16th April and 16th October. Income tax will be deducted from payments of more than £5 per annum. Interest warrants will be transmitted by post.

9. The first interest payment will be made on 16th April 1984 at the rate of £1.1138 per £100 nominal of Stock.

10. Each subsequent half-yearly interest payment will be at a rate, per £100 nominal of Stock, of £1.25 multiplied by the index ratio applicable to the month in which the payment falls due.

11. The rate of interest for each interest payment other than the first, expressed as a percentage in pounds sterling to four places of decimals rounded to the nearest figure below, will be announced by the Bank of England not later than the business day immediately preceding the date of the previous interest payment.

12. If the index is revised to a new base after the Stock is issued, it will be necessary, for the purposes of the preceding paragraphs, to calculate and use a notional index figure in substitution for the index figure applicable to the month in which repayment takes place and/or an interest payment falls due ("the month of payment"). This notional index figure will be calculated by multiplying the actual index figure applicable to the month of payment by the index figure on the old base for the month on which the revised index is based and dividing the product by the new base figure for the same month. This procedure will be used for each occasion on which a revision is made during the life of the Stock.

13. If the index is not published for a month for which it is relevant for the purposes of this notice, the Bank of England, after appropriate consultation with the relevant Government Department, will publish a substitute index figure which shall be an estimate of the index figure which would have been applicable to the month of payment, and such substitute index figure shall be used for all purposes for which the actual index figure would have been relevant. The calculation by the Bank of England of the amounts of principal and/or interest payable on the basis of a substiture index fiture shall be conclusive and binding upon all stockholders. No subsequent adjustment to such amounts will be made in the event of subsequent publication of the index figure which would have been applicable to the month of payment.

14. If any change should be made to the coverage or the basic calculation of the index which, in the opinion of the Bank of England, constitutes a fundamental change in the index which would be materially detrimental to the interests of stockholders, Her Majesty's Treasury will publish a notice in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes immediately following the announcement by the relevant Government Department of the change, informing stockholders and offering them the right to require Her Majesty's Treasury to redeem their stock. For the purposes of this paragraph, repayment to stockholders who exercise this right will be effected, on a date to be chosen by Her Majesty's Treasury, not later than seven months from the last month of publication of the old index. The amount of principal due on repayment and of any interest which has accrued will be calculated on the basis of the index ratio applicable to the month in which repayment takes place. A notice setting out the administrative arrangements will be sent to stockholders at their registered address by the Bank of England at the appropriate time.

15. Until payment in full has been made and a completed registration form submitted to the Bank of England, the Stock will be represented by letters of allotment.

16. Payment in full may be made at any time prior to 12th December 1983 but no discount will be allowed on such payment. Interest may be charged on a day-to-day basis on any overdue amount which may be accepted at a rate equal to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for seven day deposits in sterling ("LIBOR") plus 1 per cent per annum. Such rate will be determined by the Bank of England by reference to market quotations, on the due date for the relevant payment, for LIBOR obtained from such source or sources as the Bank of England shall consider appropriate. Default in due payment of any amount in respect of the Stock will render the allotment of such Stock liable to cancellation and any amount previously paid liable to forfeiture.

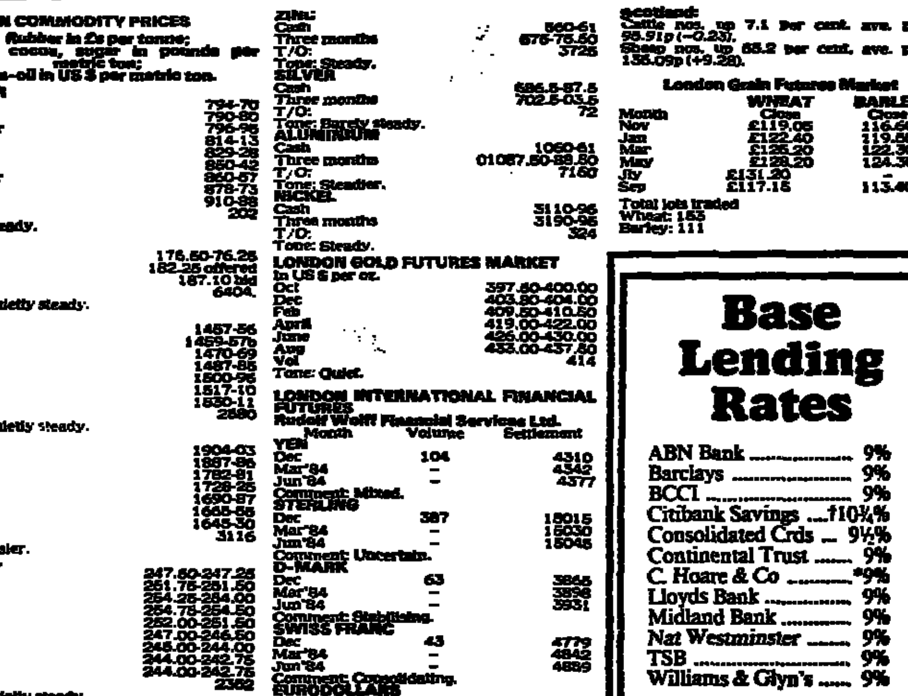
17. Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100 on written request received by the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, or by any of the Branches of the Bank of England, on any date not later than 8th December 1983. Such requests must be signed and must be accompanied by the letters of allotment (but a letter cannot be split if any instalment payment is overdue).

18. Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the final instalment is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration not later than 12th December 1983.

19. Copies of this notice may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, or at any of the Branches of the Bank of England, or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England, 25 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1 2EB; at the Bank of Ireland, Moyne Buildings, 1st Floor, 20 Callender Street, Belfast, BT1 5BN; at Mullens & Co., 15 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6AN; or at any office of The Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON
12th October 1983

COMMODITIES



LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Nov	794-70
Dec	790-80
Jan/Mar	796-95
Apl/Jne	814-13
Jul/Sep	829-28
Oct/Dec	850-42
Jan/Mar	860-57
Apl/Jne	878-73
Jul/Sep	910-88
Vol:	202
Tone: Steady.	
SUGAR	
Dec	176.50-76.25
Mar	182.25 offered
May	187.10 bid
Vol:	6404
Tone: Quietly steady.	
COCOA	
Dec	1457-56
Mar	1459-575
May	1470-69
July	1487-85
Sep	1500-95
Dec	1517-10
Mar	1530-11
Vol:	2890
Tone: Quietly steady.	
COFFEE	
Nov	1904-03
Jan	1887-86
Mar	1782-81
May	1728-25
July	1690-87
Sep	1665-55
Nov	1645-30
Vol:	3116
Tone: Easier.	
GAS OIL	
Oct	247.50-247.25
Nov	251.75-251.50
Dec	254.25-254.00
Jan	254.75-254.50
Feb	252.00-251.50
March	247.00-246.50
April	245.00-244.00
May	244.00-242.75
June	244.00-242.75
Vol:	2362
Tone: Quietly steady.	

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce.
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	968-69
Three months	992-992.5
T/O	7950
Tone: Steady.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	942-44
Three months	967-68
T/O	nil
Tone: Idle.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	8520-30
Three months	8505-15
T/O:	680
Tone: Steady.	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	8680-85
Three months	8650-55
T/O:	95
Tone: Steady.	
LEAD	
Cash	274.50-75.50
Three months	283.75-84
T/O:	16350
Tone: Steady.	
ZINC:	
Cash	560-61
Three months	675-75.50
T/O:	3725
Tone: Steady.	
SILVER	
Cash	686.5-87.5
Three months	702.5-03.5
T/O:	72
Tone: Barely steady.	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	1060-61
Three months	01087.50-88.50
T/O:	7150
Tone: Steadier.	
NICKEL	
Cash	3110-95
Three months	3190-95
T/O:	324
Tone: Steady.	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Oct	397.80-400.00
Dec	403.80-404.00
Feb	409.50-410.50
April	419.00-422.00
June	426.00-430.00
Aug	433.00-437.50
Vol	414
Tone: Quiet.	

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Month	Volume	Settlement
YEN		
Dec	104	4310
Mar'84	–	4342
Jun'84	–	4377
Comment: Mixed.		
STERLING		
Dec	387	15015
Mar'84	–	15030
Jun'84	–	15045
Comment: Uncertain.		
D-MARK		
Dec	63	3865
Mar'84	–	3898
Jun'84	–	3931
Comment: Stabilising.		
SWISS FRANC		
Dec	43	4779
Mar'84	–	4842
Jun'84	–	4889
Comment: Consolidating.		
EURODOLLARS		
Dec	1677	9018
Mar'84	146	8987
June'84	48	8962
Sep'84	2	8944
Dec'84	2	8922
Comment: Hesitant.		
SHORT STERLING		
Dec	264	9064
Mar'84	44	9033
June'84	5	9013
Sep'84	–	8978
Dec'84	–	8948
Comment: Quiet.		
GILTS		
Dec	2516	10501
Mar'84	–	10419
June'84	–	10416
Sept'84	–	10402
Dec'84	–	10320
Comment: Under pressure.		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on Oct. 13:
GB: Cattle, 96.60p per kg lw (+0.79).
GB: Sheep, 135.67p per kg est d c w (+8.74).
GB: Pigs, 76.49p per kg lw (−1.12).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 11.3 per cent, ave. price, 96.82p (+1.12).
Sheep nos. up 15.5 per cent, ave. price, 135.68p (+8.68).
Pig nos. up 7.9 per cent, ave. price, 76.49p (−1.12).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 7.1 per cent, ave. price, 95.91p (−0.23).
Sheep nos. up 65.2 per cent, ave. price, 135.09p (+9.28).

London Grain Futures Market

Month	WHEAT Close	BARLEY Close
Nov	£119.05	116.60
Jan	£122.40	119.55
Mar	£125.20	122.30
May	£128.20	124.30
Jly	£131.20	–
Sep	£117.15	113.40

Total lots traded
Wheat: 153
Barley: 111

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	†10¾%
Consolidated Crds	9½%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate.
● 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 5½%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¼%; £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

Maurice James Industries
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £501,000 (£182,000)
Stated earnings 2.3p (0.7p)
Turnover £8.5m (£2.6m)
Net interim dividend 0.6p (0.5p)

J. O. Walker
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £121,000 (£73,000)
Stated earnings 11.1p (7.8p)
Turnover £4.9m (£4.1m)
Net interium dividend 1.5p (1p)

BSG International
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £1.6m (£216,000)
Stated earnings 1.98p (loss 0.16p)
Turnover £146.5m (£131.1m)
Net interim dividend 0.35p

WALL STREET

	Oct 12	Oct 11
AMF Inc	17½	18
AMR	27¾	28½
Allied Chem	55½	56¼
Allied Stores	51⅞	51⅞
Allis Chalmers	16⅜	16¾
Alcoa	44⅜	45
Amax Inc	24¾	25½
Amerada Hess	30¼	30¼
Am Brands	56	56⅜
Am Broadcast	61½	61½
Am Can	42¼	42¾
Am Cyanamid	56¼	56¾
Am Elec Power	18¾	19
Am Home	50¾	51¼
Am Motors	8⅝	8¼
Am Nat Res	42	42
Am Standard	35¼	34⅝
Am Telephone	64¾	64
Armco Steel	19¼	19½
Asarco	33¾	34
Ashland Oil	29¼	29¼
Atlntic Richfield	47⅞	48¼
Avco	35	35⅜
Avon Products	24½	24¾
Bankers Tst NY	44¾	44⅞
Bank of America	20⅜	20⅜
Bank of Boston	38	38¼
Bank of NY	61	61
Beatrice Foods	30¾	31
Bethlehem Steel	24¼	24½
Boeing	40⅝	41¼
Boise Cascade	42¼	42⅞
Borden	58¼	58⅜
Borg Warner	50⅞	50¾
Bristol Myers	44⅝	45⅞
BP	25¾	25⅞
Burlington Ind	38	38
Burlington Nthn	89⅞	108¾
Burroughs	53⅝	53⅝
Campbell Soup	57	57
Canadian Pacific	40⅜	41¼
Caterpillar	43	43
Celanese	78	77¾
Central Soya	15¼	16
Chase Manhat	48¼	49
Chem Bank NY	42¾	43¼
Chrysler	30⅝	30¾
Citicorp	34¾	35¼
Clark Equip	34¾	34½
Coca Cola	54⅜	55
Colgate	23⅝	24¼
CBS	77⅝	80¾
Columbia Gas	33⅝	33⅝
Combustion Eng	32⅝	32
Comwlth Edison	27⅞	27¾
Cons Edison	23¾	24⅞
Cons Foods	45¼	46⅛
Cons Power	20⅜	20¼
Continental Grp	47⅝	48
Central Data	51⅞	51½
Corning Glass	73⅝	73⅞
CPC Intnl	38⅝	40¼
Crane	32	32½
Crocker Int	30⅝	31
Crown Zeller	30	30¼
Dart & Kraft	71	72
Deere	38	39⅜
Delta Air	34¼	36⅛
Detroit Edison	15⅛	15¼
Disney	61⅞	62
Dow Chemical	36⅝	37⅝
Dresser Ind	21⅜	21⅜
Duke Power	24¼	24⅝
Du Pont	53⅜	52⅝
Eastern Air	6⅝	6⅞
Eastman Kodak	71⅛	71⅝
Eaton Corp	46⅞	47
El Paso Nat Gas	23⅝	22¼
Esmark	62⅝	62¼
Evans P. D.	13⅝	13⅝
Exxon Corp	38½	38⅝
Fed Dept Stores	58	57⅝
Firestone	20¼	20⅞
Fst Chicago	26	26
Fst Intrst Bncp	45½	46
Fst Penn Corp	7¼	7
Ford	66¼	65⅞
GAF Corp	13⅝	14⅞
GTE Corp	44⅞	45⅞
Gen Dynamics	55½	55⅝
Gen Electric	53¼	54
Gen Foods	49¼	49¼
Gen Mills	51	52⅝
Gen Motors	75½	76
Gen Pub Util NY	7⅝	7⅞
Gen Tire	35⅜	35⅜
Genesco	9⅜	9½
Georgia Pacific	25½	25⅝
Getty Oil	70	68½
Gillette	50¼	50⅜
Goodrich	33⅞	33⅝
Goodyear	31⅞	31⅞
Gould Inc	33⅞	33⅞
Grace	48⅝	49
Gt Atlntc & Pacific	11⅝	12
Greyhound	23½	23⅞
Grumman Corp	25⅞	25⅜
Gulf Oil	45⅝	45⅝
Gulf & West	28⅜	28⅞
Heinz H. J.	33⅝	35⅝
Hercules	36⅝	37¼
Honeywell	126⅝	128
IC Inds	46⅜	46½
Ingersoll	55¼	55⅜
Inland Steel	30⅝	30½
IBM	132½	132⅜
Int Harvester	11⅞	11½
INCO	15⅞	16⅛
Int Paper	53⅝	53⅝
Int Tel Tel	43⅛	44⅞
Irving Bank	51⅞	52
Jewel Co	50⅜	50¼
Jim Walter	35⅝	36⅝
Johnson & John	46⅞	47⅛
Kaiser Alumin	19	20⅛
Kerr McGee	32	31½
Kimberly Clark	93⅝	96⅞
K Mart	36⅝	36⅞
Kroger	38⅜	38⅝
L.T.V. Corp	16⅛	16⅜
Litton	65⅜	65⅜
Lockheed	43⅞	44⅛
Lucky Stores	21⅜	22
Manuf Hanover	41	41¼
Manville Cp	11	10⅛
Mapco	25	25¼
Marine Midland	23⅛	23⅛
Martin Marietta	61⅞	61
McDonnell	54⅜	54⅜
Mead	38	38¼
Merck	100	100⅜
Minnesota Mng	86⅛	87½
Mobil Oil	31⅛	31
Monsanto	113	113⅛
Morgan J. P	68⅛	68⅝
Motorola	141⅛	143⅝
NCR Corp	132½	134⅝
NL Industries	18	18
Nabisco	40⅞	41⅛
Nat Distillers	28⅝	28⅜
Nat Med Ent	25	25⅞
Nat Steel	31⅛	31⅝
Norfolk South	68½	68⅜
NW Bancorp	37	36
Occidental Pet	24⅝	24⅝
Ogden	31⅞	31⅝
Olin Corp	31⅞	32⅝
Owens-Illinois	32	32⅜
Pacific Gas Elec	15⅜	15½
Pan Am	7⅞	7½
Penney J. C.	60⅛	61
Pennzoil	36	36
Pepsico	35⅜	36⅜
Pfizer	43⅝	43
Phelps Dodge	23⅝	23½
Phillip Morris	68⅛	68⅝
Phillips Petrol	34⅛	34½
Polaroid	33⅞	35⅞
PPG Ind	36½	36
Proctor Gamble	58⅝	59⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	24⅛	24⅛
Raytheon	46⅞	47½
RCA Corp	33⅝	33⅝
Republic Steel	26⅜	27¼
Reynolds Ind	55⅝	55½
Reynolds Metal	38⅛	38⅞
Rockwell Int	28⅝	29⅞
Royal Dutch	46⅛	46½
Safeways	27⅛	27⅞
St Regis Paper	29⅜	29⅝
Santa Fe Ind	30⅜	30⅜
SCM	33½	33⅝
Schlumberger	54⅝	54⅝
Scott Paper	29¼	29½
Seagram	35⅝	36⅞
Sears Roebuck	38⅜	40
Shell Oil	44½	43⅛
Shell Trans	35	35
Signal Co	32⅝	34⅛
Singer	25	25
Smithkline Beck	64⅞	65
Sony	16⅛	16
Sth Cal Edison	35⅞	35⅜
Southern Pacific	38	38
Sperry Corp	45	45⅞
Std Oil Califnia	36½	36⅞
Std Oil Indiana	49⅜	49
Std Oil Ohio	53⅝	53
Sterling Drug	26⅝	26⅛
Stevens J. P.	17⅞	18
Sun Comp	44⅛	44⅛
Teledyne	164	167⅞
Tenneco	42⅛	41⅞
Texaco	36⅞	36
Texas East Corp	60⅜	60⅜
Texas Inst	127⅜	118⅝
Texas Utilities	28⅛	28½
Textron	35⅝	35⅝
TWA	31⅝	31⅛
Travelers Corp	32⅝	32⅛
TRW Inc	75	75⅜
UAL Inc	29⅝	30
Union Carbide	67⅝	68
Union Oil Calif	29⅜	29⅛
Un Pacific Corp	56	56
Uniroyal	18⅛	18⅜
United Brands	18⅛	19
US Industries	16⅛	16
US Steel	28⅛	29
Utd Technol	67⅛	67½
Wachovia	46	47⅛
Warner Commu	22⅝	22⅝
Warner Lambert	31½	30⅝
Wells Fargo	28⅝	30⅛
Westnghse Elec	47½	46⅝
Weyerhauser	34⅜	34⅞
Whirlpool	48⅝	48
Woolworth	38	38⅛
Xerox Corp	48	47⅝
Zenith	32⅝	32

Canadian Prices

	Oct 12	Oct 11
Abitibi	24⅛	24
Alcan Alumin	48⅝	48⅝
Algoma Steel	32	31⅛
Bell Telephone	28⅝	29⅜
Cominco	59⅝	59⅝
Cons Bathurst	23⅝	23⅝
Gulf Oil	18⅛	18½
Hawker/Sid Can	17⅛	17⅛
Hudson Bay Mng	24⅝	24⅝
Imasco	32⅛	32⅜
Imperial Oil	37⅞	37⅛
Int Pipe	30	29⅝
Mass-Fergsn	6⅛	6⅛
Royal Trustco	27⅛	27⅛
Seagram	43⅛	43⅛
Steel Co	29	28⅝
Thomson N 'A'	35	35
Walker Hiram	28⅝	28⅞
WCT	15	15

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

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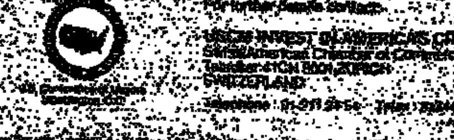
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APPOINTMENTS

Bank names investment manager

Lloyds Bank: Mr Mel Jones, has become chief investment manager following the retiremnt of Mr Bert Morris. Mr Bruce Ackerman becomes deputy chief investment manager and Mr E W Shipley marketing manager.

Chubb & Son: Mr R G Lewis, chairman of Chubb Holdings (North America) and P G Crossland, managing director of Chubb Fire Security, have joined the board. Mr John Dodd has become group secretary, and legal adviser on the retirement of Mr C E Kemble.

The Association of British Factors: Mr Malcolm Smith, managing director of Alex. Lawrie Factors, has been elected chairman of the association. He succeeds Mr Roger Pilcher, managing director of Credit Factoring International.

United Trust & Credit: Mr Richard Lebus has joined the board and been appointed company secretary. He has also become finance director and company secretary of the subsidiaries, UTC Trading Corporation and United Loan Corporation.

Mr John Passey who is a director of UTC Securities Management, has joined the board of United Trust & Credit and Mr Brian Steed has become a non-executive director.

English Tourist Board: Mr John Jarvis, chairman and chief executive of Ladbroke of Hotels, Holidays and Entertainments and Mr Robinson, managing director of Montagu Ventures, have been made members for three years.

Nicholas Stewart Wrightson: Mr M. W. P. Lawrence has been appointed a director.

ManuLife: Mr James Robertson, a director of Manufactures Life Insurance of Canada, has become the general manager of the company's operation in the United Kingdom. He succeeds Mr John Clark, who has moved to Toronto to ManuLife's head office.

Standard Telephones and Cables: Dr Nigel Horne, former managing director of a group of GEC companies, has joined STC as director, corporate development.

Tollemache & Cobbold Breweries: Mr Peter Watson will be managing director from November 7.

Airtech: Mr Victor McMullan has become managing director.

The brick industry could be in for a radical restructuring, explains Jeremy Warner

The Pandora's Box that London Brick opened but can't close

Morgan Grenfell has built its reputation in the City for corporate finance largely in the position of aggressor.

But in two to three weeks it could find itself helping to defend the independence of London Brick from an unwanted takeover bid. A series of crash meetings was held by Morgan Grenfell with the company this week to discuss defensive tactics after Hanson Trust admitted to having built up a 9.41 per cent stake.

Reassuring noises from Hanson about treating the stake as an investment have had little effect in countering City beliefs that bids will come from either it, or one of the other companies rumoured to have built up significant shareholdings in the company.

The possibility has hardly been one of the City's best kept secrets. At the company's annual meeting in the spring, the chairman, Mr Jeremy Rowe, acknowledged the unwelcome rumours.

It is no surprise then that the company has been playing down earlier private warnings in the City that it will make no more than £18m in pretax profits this year and encouraging an upgrading in forecasts to about £24m, way above last year's record profits of £15.3m.

It hopes this will be enough to put off Hanson and others. Indeed, were it not for the evidence of their eyes, most investment analysts of the building materials sector would scoff at the idea of a bid for London Brick at present from anyone, and particularly Hanson Trust which has a reputation for buying only undervalued asset-rich companies.

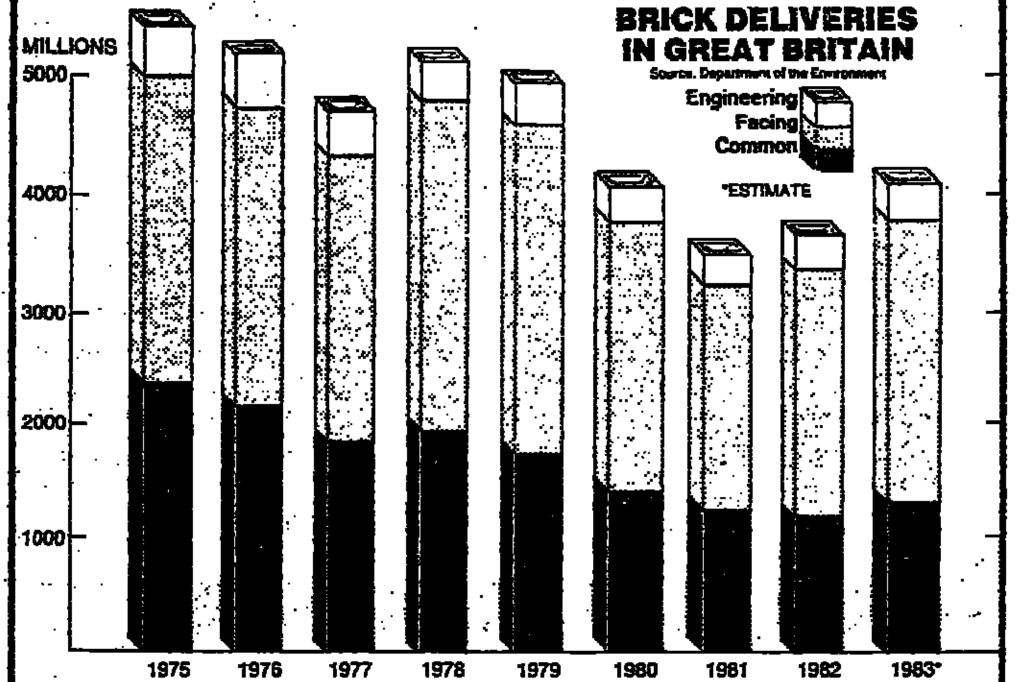
In the past 18 months the company's share price has more than doubled and in the last year it has outperformed the rest of the stock market by 27 per cent.

Deliveries of bricks in Britain, having hit a post-war low of 3.6 million in 1981, are now back up to the levels of 1978 and 1979. In the first seven months of this year they were 11 per cent higher than in the same period of last year.

The vast stock of bricks accumulated in the darkest days of the recession in an effort to insulate brick production from the downturn in building work, had been reduced by nearly 30 per cent since the end of last year.

A bid launched now would appear to go against all the conventional rules about never touching a company which is at the top of its trading cycle.

London Brick is in any case in a mature declining market.



Fed by the upturn in private housebuilding, the brick industry may be booming now. But the long-term trend is unappealing.

Since the early 1970s, British brick deliveries have come down a third and may never recover to those former levels.

London Brick's longer term position is worse than for other brickmakers. Its main product is cheap fletton bricks of which it has a monopoly because of its exclusive access to the belt of

A bid now would go against the conventional rules

carboniferous clay that runs in an arc from the Humber to Dorset – from which flettons are made.

These bricks accounting for about 38 per cent of the total market have been hit hardest by the trend away from bricks to other basic materials in building.

Flettons are used in vast numbers as cheap facing bricks while common building bricks are also produced by companies other than London Brick.

There will always be a market for flettons, both as a basic building material and for cheap facings, but there is much better potential in the more expensive, high quality facing brick which housebuyers like and architects specify.

It is here that the clue to Hanson's interest lies. Hanson owns Britain's second largest facing brickmaker, Butterley Building Products, a successful company which last year made pretax profits of nearly £6m.

Flettons may be at the bottom of the pile, marketed and made differently fron other bricks, but it is accepted that they still determine the pricing structure for the entire indutry.

The industrial and commercial logic of combining a fletton and non-fletton brickmaker is thus overwhelming.

Hanson could move into London Brick, and curb production to prevent any recurrence of oversupply, put a floor under levels where demand outstripped supply and consequently prices and help the entire industry, including Butterley, to build up margins and achieve potentially dramatic improvements in profitability.

Long term production cutbacks at London Brick would in turn allow Hanson to realize substantial amounts of cash by selling the company's agricultural land bought originally for its clay deposits, but never likely to be used because of the falling market.

Hanson could move in and curb production

It is no wonder that Hanson has not preached this logic publicly. The industry believes that it is the sort of logic that guided London Brick's takeover bid for Ibstock Johnsen, the largest non-fletton brickmakers.

But the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report which dealt with that bid fails to deal adequately with this possibility. The report is remarkable only for its detailed breakdown of market shares in the industry and for exploring the precarious financial state of Ibstock Johnsen when it agreed to the merger last Christmas.

The report says: "We have been told by both Ibstock and Butterley that they do not follow a price leader in the facing brick market but price independently according to production costs and market costs." As one industry source says dismissively, "they would say that, wouldn't they?"

London Brick won clearance from the commission to acquire Ibstock in August, but decided not to go ahead because it felt the company had become too expensive.

It probably also feared provoking Hanson into action by attempting itself what Butterfly would dearly like to do, combine high-level fletton and non-fletton brick production

Mr David Taylor, an investment analyst with stock broker Scrimgeour, Kemp-Gee, says: "London Brick opened Pandora's box when it bid for Ibstock by raising the possibility of structural changes in an industry which was thought barred from making them by the authorities. Now it cannot get it shut again."

Ibstock, whose marketing operation has a high reputation in the industry, has appeared and disappeared like a Cheshire cat over the last six months.

Redland, another big facing brick manufacturer, made a bid for Ibstock, but withdrew in the light of the commission reference. Instead it made a separate deal with Ibstock to take over its loss-making Netherlands offshoot.

London Brick may have dropped its bid for Ibstock but it has not abandoned its ambition to become a force in the non-fletton area. It plans to do this by a combination of green field, development and buying up some of the smaller brick makers, which together account for as much as 45 per cent of the facing brick market.

Among these, the obvious candidate for a bid is Nottingham Brick. For that company, however, London Brick could face competiton form C H Beazer, an ambitious West Country property developing and contracting group which has been trying to build a presence in brick making.

It bought Westbrick in 1981 and Bowater Crossley's three brickworks on Teeside last month. It also owns a 17 per cent stake in Blockley's, the Shropshire specialist brickmakers, and would almost certainly bid for it were the company not family-controlled.

Industrial notebook

Dithering over a flying start

Trade and Industry Ministers, notably Mr Norman Lamont, have been plunged further into a quandary by the decision of British Caledonian Airways, that bastion of free enterprise in British airline business, to place firm orders for seven A320 European airbuses.

The aeroplane, it will be recalled, has yet to leave the drawing boards of the Airbus Industrie Consortium and will not do so until the thorny issue of financing is settled among the partners.

The French – in whose territory the consortium builds the Airbuses – have displayed a great willingness to offer continuing support to a pan-European civil aerospace industry and Air France and the domestic airline, Air Inter, have ordered a total of 35 A320s and taken options on a further 35.

British Airways, however, has for the moment shunned the new aircraft, and Lufthansa of West Germay is dithering. And the governments of the two countries clearly still need convincing that the 150-seat aircraft is worth the estimated development expenditure of £1,300m.

The British share of the Airbus consortium is 20 per cent, held by British Aerospace, and the final cost of British involvement could be as much as £400m depending upon what we make for the airliner.

The BCal decision appears to have given the A320 a much greater chance of a successful birth and there are those in BAe, frustrated at the long delay in a funding decision from Whitehall, who beleive that the Government is now duty-bound to raid taxpayers' coffers.

Sir Adam Thompson, the chairman of BCal, was careful this week not to be drawn into the argument. He liked the plane, he said, and was confident it would be built, but making it was nothing to do woth him and it was not his job to persuade the Government to put up the money.

BCal admits that the choice of aircraft to replace its aging BAC 1-11s was "a very close race", with the proposed Boeing 737-300 and the McDonnel Douglas MD-90 coming in only just behind the A320.

With all three aircraft offering similar qualities, why did BCal choose the one whose funding is the most insecure? Expansionist-minded Sir Adam (he spent £3m this week buying Associated Communications Corporation's Jetsave charter tour company) says he wants BCal to be the catalyst to bring the new Airbus venture to fruition. He also believes that if the A320 does not fly, Airbus Industries will probably not produce another model and, like most of his counterparts, he dreads being dependent upon one or two American plane makers.

In any case, if the A320 fails to materialize, the BCal order can be switched elsewhere, and the company will still have its refurbished 1-11s in use up to the end of the decade.

The only other wholly new aircraft in the 150-seater race is Boeing's 7-7 which, while it remains a "paper aeroplane", has already cost the Americans $50m to develop. Significantly, Boeing did not even attempt to sell the 7-7 to BCal during recent negotiations, but relied on the new version of the tried and trusty 737. Boeing, it seems, is not yet convinced that the 150-seater market is going to be big enough to justify the expenditure.

Meanwhile, the British Government has to ponder the same issues. With oil prices stabilising, will a new, highly fuel-efficient but highly expensive airliner be in great demand this decade? Airbus Industrie is yet to make a profit for its partners and is unlikely to do so until there is a significant ordering spree by the airlines.

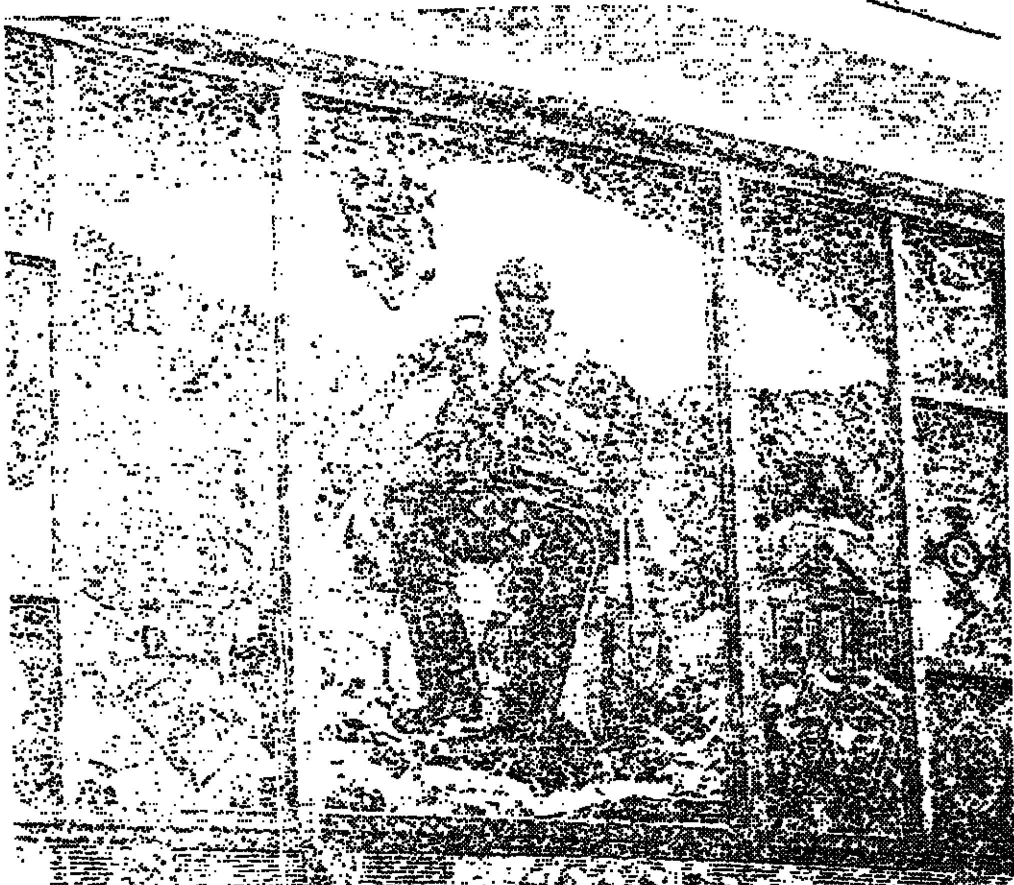
The Government is planning to reach a decision by the end of the year, but there is no need to hurry. More prudent would be to give priority to the Internatonal Aero Engines project, in which Rolls-Royce has a 30 per cent stake, and would involve a similar £400m injection of launch aid.

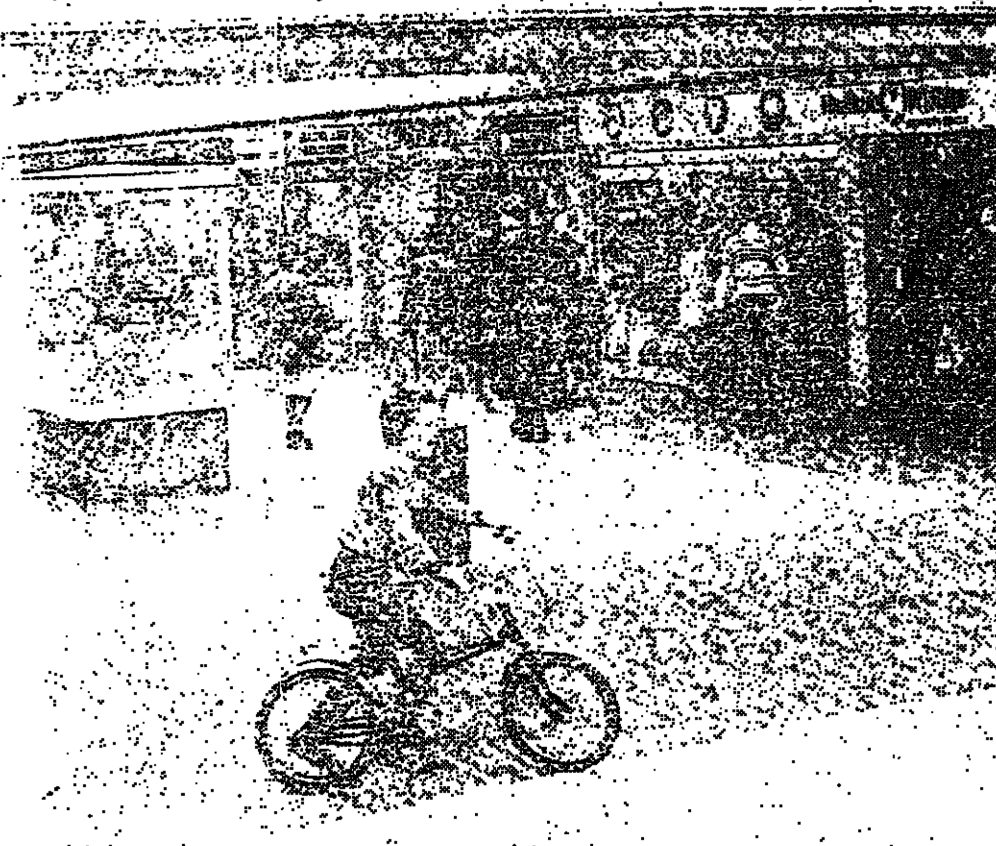
Orders and options for the A320 now total 80. Another big order, say for another 20 aircraft, could tip the balance in favour of backing the project. Until then, ministers should sit on their hands.

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The proud, brooding figure of Winston Churchill flanked by Big Ben and other symbols in fine mosaics dominates the shopping precinct in Dudley. It speaks for the town's resilience as well.

Dudley

The metropolitan borough is in the heartland of the West Midlands– the Black Country. Arthur Osman reports on the fight for recovery from the recession.

The burden of history lies heavily on Dudley. But, beyond the old town, clustering at the foot of the mainly fourteenth century castle, which is conspicuous for miles on its hill above the chimneys and urban clutter, an industrial and small ecological renaissance is gathering pace.

As the senior town of the Black Country, Dudley is seeking to regain its pre-eminence and prosperity of a century ago with vigorous efforts in job creation. At the same time, it is starting to repair 200 years of industrial ravages to its landscape, a task important to its self-esteem.

Queen Victoria is said to have ordered her carriage blinds to be lowered as the royal train passed the industrial squalor of the town, from which the iron sinews of her Empire were being shaped.

At about the same time, the prestigious *Edinburgh Review*, in a note on the town, said: "The very ground seems on fire, like the representations of Pandemonium in an old edition of Paradise Lost".

A few forged fortunes from the blazing furnaces among the wretched homes of the poor, the pit banks and the engine houses. There was no discrimination when hovel or house sank into old mine workings. As many a local graveyard shows, cholera decimated at random.

A kinder, more recent evaluation said it was surprising that an industrial town such as Dudley had saved so much from the past, yet indicated so much for the future. This despite the stern face presented by the numerous non-conformist Black Country chapels, which seem to glower and growl with disapproval at every turn.

But, despite its harsh past, Dudley today has a good deal of charm and its people much warmth. This is also true of the towns that the Metropolitan Borough now embraces, such as Stourbridge, Halesowen and Brierley Hill, covering an area of about 38 square miles with a population around 300,000.

Historically, Dudley's industrial fortunes were founded on mineral resources. It had rich deposits of ironstone, limestone, coal and fireclay. They gave birth to iron-smelting and metal-working industries, notably chain-making, and the cottage industry of nail-making. In direct contrast, it is also the home of world-famous lead crystal manufacturers such as Royal Brierley, Stuart Crystal, Thomas Webb and Sons and Webb Corbett.

From metals to plastics

While considerable diversification has taken place since 1945, metal-based industries still play their part in Dudley's economy. There are more than 90 companies engaged in producing ferrous and non-ferrous metals, and over 200 involved in various sectors of metal goods manufacturing.

Engineering is also important, with firms supplying the automotive industry with components, accessories and other equipment.

Inevitably, Dudley's economic and productive base has extended over the years far beyond metals and engineering. It now includes textiles, plastics, chemicals, electronics and a wide range of service industry equipment.

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WEST MIDLANDS

In the West Midlands' economic crash, the borough has been devastated by unemployment, which has varied in the space of the last six months from 18.8 per cent to 17.45 per cent, representing a total of 28,281. The workforce of 91,816 males and 56,371 females comprises 53 per cent skilled workers, 22 per cent semi and unskilled, 20 per cent professional and managerial, and 5 per cent others.

Jock Bruce-Gardyne, writing in *The Times* on Sept. 14, said: "The first priority now is what to do about the most embattled of unassisted areas, the West Midlands."

Dudley is well aware of that particular problem. Its unemployment rate compares with 14 per cent in Scotland, which is an assisted area, but neither Dudley nor the West Midlands are included in that privileged company.

This leaves Dudley at a positive disadvantage, with only one financial carrot to tempt prospective developers and investors – its Enterprise Zone, which has been slow to take off in its two years' existence. Even allowing for that, Dudley was excluded in this year's inner city help and, together with Solihull, did not receive funds.

> **DUDLEY FACTS**
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> **Population: 296,400 persons**
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> **unemployed: 49,256 (16.3 per cent) (July 1983)**
> **: 35,865 males**
> **: 13,391 females**
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> **Members of Parliament : Dudley East, Dr John Gilbert (Lab) Dudley West, John G. Blackburn (Con)**

The Enterprise Zone cannot hope to compete with assisted area status and regional development grants. Dudley's Industrial Development Unit has had hundreds of enquiries from people contemplating setting up business.

But the crunch comes with financial assistance. Immediately it becomes apparent that the Enterprise Zone is the beginning and end of Dudley's financial inducements, an enquiry is often taken no further.

Keith Duesbury, Dudley's Industrial Information Officer, said that the appointment of John Butcher as Minister with special responsibilities for the region, the setting up of an innovation team at the Department of Industry regional office and additional funding under the Small Engineering Firms Investment Scheme must be a step forward.

As assisted area status seems unlikely, so Dudley is looking elsewhere for renewed prosperity. It is pressing for EEC funding, an extension of its parameter possibly making the borough eligible for aid.

In Government support, it did less well than others, which reflected low spending and high efficiency over a number of years. This year, it is receiving £107 per head of population in Block Grant, compared with an average for Metro districts of £182.

John Mulvehill, the council's chief executive, said: "It can be argued that Dudley is receiving less support for its services from national taxation through Government grants than it really deserves. The authority is working hard to ensure that the people of Dudley are treated more fairly."

Rolling out the bottles

The visitor, despite all this, will find it a cheerful town. Many of its public houses are a true reminder of more civilized days, and five independent small breweries still produce beers of charecter and distinction in the borough.

"Ma" Pardoe, Simpkiss, Batham and Holden are names that have earned devout respect for the quality of their ales, just as houses like the Vine, Brierley Hill, popularly known as the Bull and Bladder, or Mrs Pardoe's Old Swan at Netherton are places of enormous appeal.

There is the Glynne Arms, or "Crooked House", which leans at an alarming angle through mining subsidence (bottles roll uphill and customers stagger when sober), where Edward VIII when Prince of Wales enjoyed a pint as a contrast to the gilded pleasures of nearby Himley Hall, then the home of the Earl of Dudley, where he was a frequent guest.

The Black Country shows its vigour

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Dudley's Enterprise Zone (EZ) came into being in July 1981. For the next 10 years it will provide the premier industrial development opportunity for the area and, it is hoped, between 5,000 and 10,000 new jobs. The zone originally extended over 540 acres, and two months ago Lord Bellwin, Minister for Local Government, announced an extension of 105 acres covering the redundent Round Oak Steelworks site.

It is a site where industrial regeneration is seen to be happening with the extensive dismantling of obsolescent buildings, the massive movement of earthworks for land stabilization, road improvements and the new industrial estates, parts of which are operating with increasing success. The Round Oak closure, with the heavy loss of 1,300 jobs, was a profound shock to Dudley. The decision to incorporate the site and thus sweep away the legacy of the past was seen as an expression of faith in the ability of the people of the Black Country, the cradle of the first industrial revolution, to show once again the vigour and enterprise needed to restore its industrial fortunes.

The EZ has not had an easy passage but has survived some well-aimed sniping to reach a point where it has created 450 jobs by the end of its second year.

Dudley's is the only EZ with all land within private ownership. This has put it into the sights of the Labour leaders of West Midlands County Council, who have been among its fiercest critics.

The general line of attack is that the spending of vast sums of taxpayer's money on giving firms a rates "holiday" offers no solutions to the real problems of the region, which, it is said, is not a recessionary one but the decline of its traditional industry. It was said that the net increase of four jobs in the Dudley EZ in its first year had cost £909,000 in lost rates and had only attracted 26 firms employing 193 people.

But Roger Latham, economist and head of Dudley's Industrial Development Unit, says the signs of progress were good. Employment had held steady and the 400 plus jobs created after two years had been through firms expanding or by new companies setting up. Mucklow's Enterprise trading estate was more than 60 per cent occupied and Glynweds, occupation of 90,000 sq ft at Peartree Lane was also encouraging.

Jack Edmonds, leader of the council, has admitted that the zone has "been extremely slow to fire up". If it had not been for the efforts of developers such as Mucklows and Glynwed, operations would have been at a standstill.

What is now seen as a crucial turning point came in April this year with the purchase of the Round Oak site by the galvanic Richardson twins from neighbouring Oldbury, men who are

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The modern town that clings to its past

AMENITIES

Dudley has easy access to the M1, M5 and M6 motorways and its location at the heart of England provides fast and easy communications with the surrounding area and other commercial centres.

The council's Highways and Planning Committee is responsible for the maintenance of almost 500 miles of road on behalf of the West Midlands County Council and provides nearly 8,000 car spaces in 100 car parks.

The West Midlands region of the Confederation of British Industry recently urged that the long delayed "Black Country Route" linking the A4123 to the M6 at Bentley at a cost of £26m was a project which must be started as soon as possible to help industrial regeneration.

British Rail has stations at Coseley, Dudley Port, Stourbridge Junction, Lye, Cradley and Old Hill. Future upgrading of the Inter-City track between Wolverhampton, Birmingham and London, improvement of rolling stock and the opening of an Inter-City station at Oldbury about four miles away, should bring an increase in Black Country passengers and a substantial cut in journey time.

Dudley has a colourful and busy market six days a week. There are three pedestrianized shopping areas and all the major multiples are presented together with smaller "character" shops. Stourbridge and Helesowen are the two other principle shopping areas and, as in Dudley, investments by the public and private sector has resulted in new developments with an increasing variety of high quality shops and stores.



A family walk-about against animal silhouettes in Dudley zoo, which was opened in 1937 in the castle grounds



The Richardson twins Roy and Donald: in the mould of the great Black Country entrepreneurs

A wide range of housing

Dudley can offer a wide range of housing for sale or to rent, with styles ranging from the modern executive family house to the traditional country cottage. Housing developments include attractively landscaped modern family housing estates and charming older village communities situated in the borough or set in the surrounding countryside.

Schools are organized under the comprehensive system. More than 50,000 pupils are in full time education in primary and secondary schools and 35,000 people are involved in some form of further education. Almost 76 per cent of the council's net expenditure is spent on education, most of it in the six nursery, 107 primary, 10 special and 33 secondary schools. A sixth form college operates in the Stourbridge area and there are plans to set up a tertiary college. There are a number of independent schools of repute within easy reach of Dudley and there are three colleges of education, a number of community colleges, evening institutes based in secondary schools, plus two polytechnics and two universities within 12 miles of the town.



Visitor and friends in Saltwell's nature centre, part of Dudley's project for urban renaissance

To most people in the Midlands, Dudley is synonomous with its zoo which was opened in 1937 in the castle grounds. It used old limestone workings as open air pits for the animals and introduced sea lion into the castle moat. The council bought the zoo in 1980 and it is now run as a recreational and educational amenity for the benefit of residents and visitors.

Parks and open spaces abound in the borough and one of the most fascinating is the Wren's Nest National nature reserve. It is internationally known as a classic geological exposure of the Upper Silurian limestones. The limestone was excavated and burnt in kilns for building and agriculture from the early seventeenth century and from the eighteenth century as a flux in ironmaking. It also yielded well over 300 species of fossil fauna. Quarrymen found trilobites in such quantities that it became known as the "Dudley Locust" and subsequently appeared on the town's coat of arms.

Quarrying ended abut 60 years ago and in 1956 the borough and Nature Conservancy established the nature reserve now covering 74 acres. It is not only a geological feature but a monument to the Industrial Revolution. Some areas and huge caverns are unstable but there are geological trail guides to help visitors.

The Dudley Canal tunnel is an historic and unique feature of the British canal system. It was originally completed to connect the Birmingham canal to the Staffs and Worcester. Unlike other tunnels it was part of the system built to move the limestone from the mines of Wrens Nest.

The tunnel fell into disuse when mining ceased but was reopened in 1973. The Dudley Canal Trust runs trips through the tunnel using the only electrically powered narrow boat in the country. Other canal features in the borough are the Delph locks at Brierley Hill known as the "Ninelocks" – although there are only eight because of rebuilding in the last century – which are impressive as they climb the hill.

At one end of the Dudley Tunnel is one of Britain's most stimulating museums. On a 26-acre site next to the castle hill a complete village is being reconstructed with a careful selection of buildings and equipment capturing the special cultural character of the Black Country. Regular demonstrations of old crafts and skills are given. The village stands between the Dudley Canal and a canal arm to the 200-year old limekilns which still dominate the site. Two bridges connect the village to the mainland; the cast iron Broad Street bridge brought from Wolverhampton and an unusual lifting bridge from the Great Western Railway canal basin at Tipton.

All the buildings have been carefully dismantled and brought to the site for painstaking rebuilding. There is a house from Victorian times, with period furnishings and complete with brewhouse and chainshops in the back garden; a replica of a chemists shop and the 1837 "providence" Methodist church from Darby Hand. The Bottle and Glass pub from Brierley Hill now serves visitors rather than the chainmakers, miners and glassworkers of earlier times.

Broadfield House, a late Georgian mansion at Kingswinford was opened three years ago as a glass museum. It has brought together for the first time the Brierley Hill and Stourbridge glass collections. The district has been famous for glass making for nearly 400 years and is now the centre of Britain's fine crystal glass trade.

HOUSE PRICES

Average prices for property are £7,000 to £15,000 for a two/three bedroom terrace; £12,500 to £27,000 for a three/four bedroom semi-detached; £23,000 to £40,000 for a three bedroom detached; £40,000 to £80,000 for a four bedroom luxury detached.

What will happen to the land?

ECOLOGY

The first local nature reserve to be declared in the county of the West Midlands was in the Blackbrook Valley, Netherton, as a contribution to the European campaign for urban renaissance. Dudley has the highest acreage at 1,428 of derelict land in the county and the valley renewal project is seen as being closely linked with the adjacent enterprise zone in the local authority's efforts to pursue a balanced approach on regeneration and enhancement of the urban environment.

Dudley has been designated as a derelict land clearance area and attracts a 100 per cent capital grant from the the Government. The main participants in the project which got underway in 1980, with the nature reserve declaration in September 1981, are the council, the Nature Conservancy Council and Landscape Institute.

At the outset, various agencies were looking for a suitable area with environmental problems which would benefit from the use of the best techniques for reclamation, improvements and community involvement and in May 1981 came the formal launch of the project.

Mining rights

It was at that point that one of the most contentious matters, still very much alive today, began to emerge. Rumours began circulating which have since become fact, that Grace, Countess of Dudley proposed to exercise her mining rights and open cast for coal around Doulton's Clayfield area of the valley. Her application for planning consent is now before the Labour-controlled county council in the face of considerable local opposition. There is resentment that a family that prospered so mightily from coal in the last century is still apparently able to pursue a right of seignory in the late twentieth century.

Part of the Claypit was notified as a site of special scientific interest nearly 30 years ago. The large disused quarry shows a 100ft. section of the middle coal measures from the base - resting on the Silurian - to above the thick coal. It is valuable for teaching geology and in addition the area is scenically impressive and biologically rich.

The major part of Saltwells Wood, the heart of the nature reserve, was planted in 1795. It is primarily an oak, birch, holly woodland with other species including lime, beech and poplar and some intrusion of sycamore. The stream valleys have a profusion of plant and insect life.

In the Claypit area young woodland and scrub have recolonized the old excavation. The area is rich in invertebrates and the pit attracts a wide range of birds, including the green woodpecker, which is rare in urban areas.

To the south and east the area was affected by small scale coal mining. However recolonization by oak, ash, hawthorn and sycamore has taken place with woodland flora developing, providing an interesting comparison with Saltwells Wood.

This year surveying and monitoring is being pursued as a matter of priority. But new guidelines adopted by the Department of the Environment on priorities for derelict land schemes place emphasis on joint public-private sector schemes making land available for industry or housing. With public open space schemes being given a low priority, the project is continuing without the benefits of the derelict land grants. Environmental conservation and improvement is concentrating even more on the involvement of people rather than the provision of financial resources to carry out works.

The project covers an area of 363 acres, and has set itself five main aims.

- to conserve and enhance the esisting landscape and drainage of the valley;
- to minimize the impact of development and redevelopment on the ecology of the valley by identifying and protecting areas of special natural importance and by taking ecological principles into account design and management in the valley as a whole.
- to ensure that management proposals for the valley are defined in the context of the design of landscape treatments.
- to encourage the use of the areas as an educational resource;
- to use the landscaping, survey and environmental monitoring work in the valley as a vehicle for increasing community involvement in decision making, self-help and long-term management.

Future aims include bringing into public ownership land that is privately owned but earmarked for public open space and to establish the appointment of wardens on a more permanent basis.

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in the true mould of the great Black Country entrepreneurs of old. The twins were encouraged to invest in Dudley because of its adoption of void rating, i.e. no rates being charged on empty industrial property. It is still the only council in the West Midlands where this practice prevails.

Work has started on the preliminary stages of a £40m development programme by the Richardsons, who have already sold off 12 acres of the Round Oak land for a new steel freight terminal which will create over 100 jobs by early next year.

Donald Richardson accepts that the industrial estate will never employ the thousands who worked at the old Round Oak plant when it was in full production. Nor does he see enterprise zones as the complete answer to recession, but regards them as offering a new opportunity for local companies which should be seized. His philosophy is: "There is no room these days for great acts of philanthropy. But by creating opportunities we can alleviate the job situation and we also prosper. We have a vested interest in the area's success".

Another venture by the council in association with LCP, a large estate developer, is also proving its worth. The enterprise workshops on the Pensnett trading estate were designed specifically to cater for small businesses setting up for the first time. Two phases have been undertaken: the first have already been fully let. The Enterprise workshops provide two important benefits for tenants, a monthly licence giving greater flexibility than the traditional lease, and rental that includes local authority rates, water rates, heating, insurance security service, maintenance and waste disposal service.

In another sector, the council is involved with the town's chamber of commerce and local companies in the Dubley Business Advisory Service (DUBAS). The objectives are to create jobs and give help, advice and encouragement to small business setting up.

As well as concentrating on the area itself, the local authority is placing a great deal of deal emphasis on encouraging overseas investment and a campaign has been launched, directed primarily at North America. A well packaged video entitled "Newsline Dudley", featuring companies such as Simon Engineering, LCP, and Herman Smith, and outlining details of land and premises available and the benefits of the area has been sent to 40 enquirers.

A typical success story involves the company of Roof Units, which found itself in the designated EZ rather than having to move to it. It was formed 11 years ago and is currently marketing a wide range of ventilating equipment for the UK and overseas. Under its chairman Ray Ball, it has systematically reinvested money saved on rates and other benefits of the EZ. On a 2.5 acre site it has a new office block and three production bays totalling 40,000 sq ft. Work force and staff total 45.

Anticipated turnover at the end of the current financial year is £3.5m. In three years the company has tripled turnover, and profitability is running 30 per cent ahead of last year's level. It has a £300,000 export target to Europe, the Middle East and Australia. The programme involves expenditure of nearly £300,000 on future investments in buildings and new production facilities.

Dudley will have a new spur to endeavour as the result of last month's announcement that the Government had agreed in principle for yet another industrial estate in the Black Country.

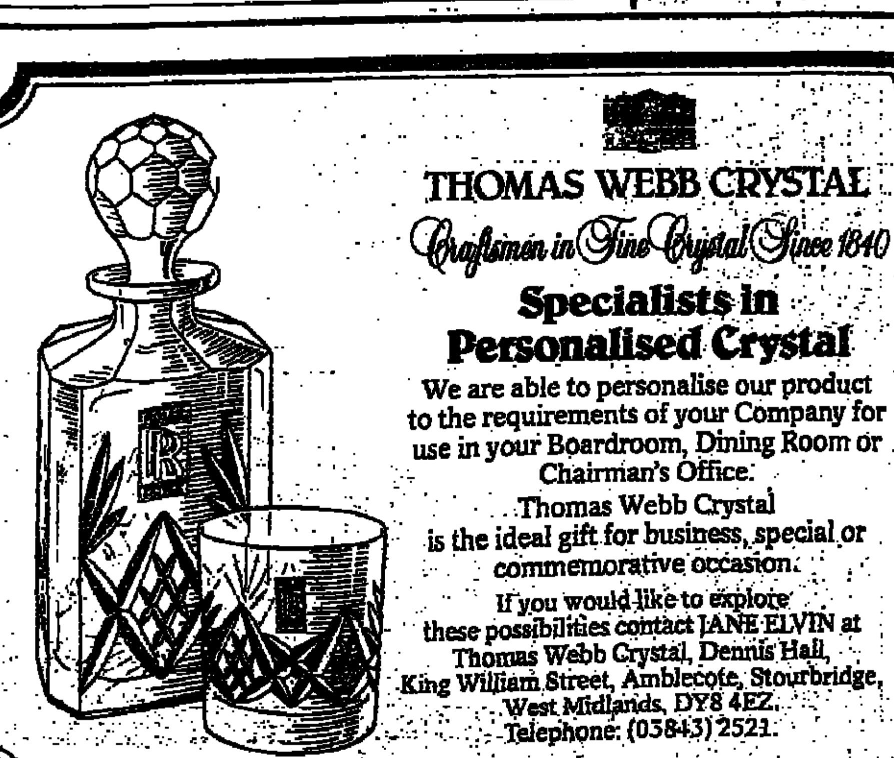
It was thought that the 100-acre site, probably in the Wednesbury area about five miles from Dudley, could create up to 3,000 jobs under a £25m additional package of support for the West Midlands. The locating of a site had been in the hands of the English Industrial Estates Corporation which has Government support. One prime site that was indentifiable is the redundant Patent Shaft steelworks which closed in 1980 with the loss of 1,500 jobs. The Bilston steelworks site was thought to be less acceptable because of its division by a main railway line and a canal.

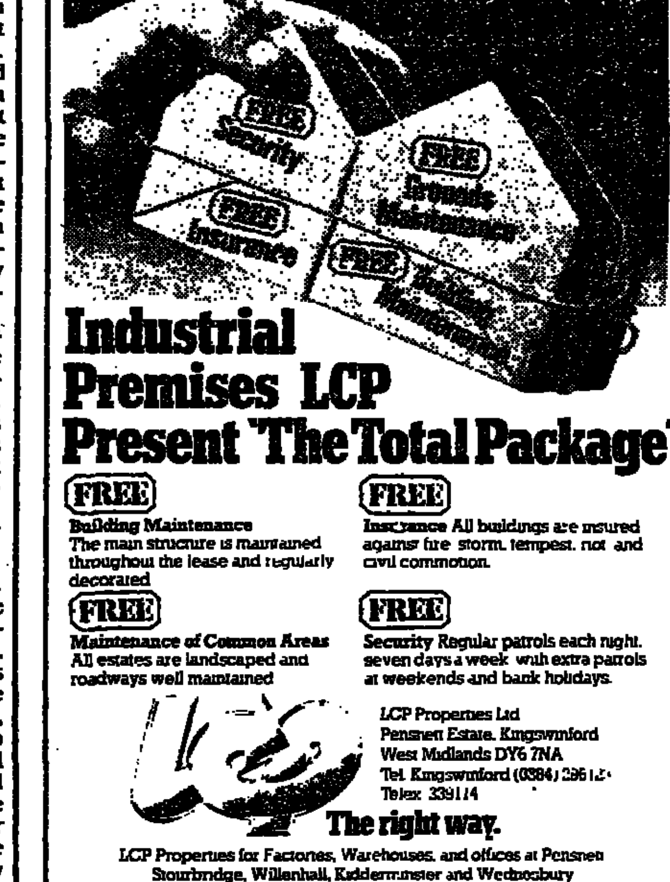
Mr Donald Richardson is happy with the Government's plan saying that the Black Country already had a strong selection of privately run estates. He said: "The public sector should watch what it is doing because it could inhibit private sector growth. If anything fresh investment should come from the institutions such as pension funds and insurance."

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MARKET REPORT ● by Michael Clark

Hoover shares jump 27p

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Oct 3. Dealings end, Oct 14. Contango Day, Oct 17. Settlement Day, Oct 24.

Shares of Hoover, the United Kingdom appliances group, glided to within a whisker of the year's high last night on talk that the United States parent was today planning to release the terms for its minority bid.

The 'A' shares ended the day 27p higher at 215p, while the ordinary closed 15p dearer at 205p. At this level the entire group is valued at £42m. Several months ago the United States parent said it was looking at the possibility of bidding for the remaining 26.7 per cent it does not already own.

Last night a spokesman for Ohio-based Hoover told *The Times*: "We have nothing further to add to the statement we have alredy made. We are continuing to explore the possibilities of making a bid for the remaining shares."

The parent group's decision to make a bid for its United Kingdom offshoot follows three years of heavy losses. However, there is a growing line of thought in the City that the worst of the group's troubles are over following large scale rationalization culminating in the closure of its Perryvale works in West London.

The overnight setback on Wall Street put paid to any hopes of a rally in London where share prices continued their steep nosedive. With the market caught in the grips of a powerful bear market investors refused to be tempted by the lure of sheap stock.

While the rest of the radio and television sector was going into a steep nosedive yesterday shares of Electronic Rentals held steady at 52p. This followed a visit to the company on Wednesday by broker Laurie Milbank. However, last night it was remaining tight lipped about its findings.

Once again interest was restricted to selective issues and the *FT* Index closed 6.1 down at 686.0. Even ICI could not maintain its recent strong run sliding from a year's high to 584p – a net loss on the day of 10p.

Shares of ICI have been a strong a market all week with the help of renewed US support and even after yesterday's fall were still showing a gain on the week of 20p.

Elsewhere among blue chips GEC sported a 4p rise to 182p on hopes a large new contract was about to be announced. New time buying saw an early spurt of activity in shares of London Brick a strong takeover candidate in recent weeks following the Hanson Trust increasing its stake to 9.41 per cent of the equity. Yesterday the shares hit 99p, at one stage, but later relented to close ½p lower at 96p.

The Government's decision to issue £750m of Index-Linked 2 ½ per cent 2020 appears to have taken wind out of gilt market's sails. Yesterday prices retreated by up to 50p as investors made note of the large amounts of unsold tap stocks on offer. Dealings in the new tap are expected to start today. On the foreign exchange the pound lost 40 points to close at $1.5000 exactly.

The big clearing banks also remained out of favour with investors disturbed by the growing debt problem overseas.

Broker W. Greenwell is worried about the level of interest costs and lower video rental charges at Thorn EMI. According to Greenwell, Thorn could pay the banks £40m this year. As a result it has downgraded pretax profits for the present year from £170m to £160m. The shares responded with a fall of 22p to 577p

With British banks some of the biggest lenders overseas, a failure to keep up with payments could make a big dent in profits. Barclays slipped 7p to 437p, Midland 7p to 387p, Lloyds 5p to 442p and National Westminister 7p to 567p.

A large seller of 100,000 shares in Tottenham Hotspur put paid to the hopes of market stags of maging a big killing. *The 3.8 million* shares offered at 100p opened at 106, but retreated to 94, at one stage. Nearly half the shares had been traded by the close of business with dealers reporting big institutional support. The shares later recovered to close at 101p – a premium of 1p.

Dealimg are expected to resume later today in shares of Milbury following details of its proposed acquisition of Westminister Property. Milbury is offering 35.5p cash for each Westminster shares, or two of its own shares for every five Westminster.

The sweet smell of success at Bellair Cosmetics showed signs of turning sour as the group reported further losses. The shares which started the year at 12p and later rose to around 700p, tumbled 70p to 510p on the news. Another high-flyer, Harold Ingram, also continued to lose ground. Wasskon Establoihment, the private investment company run by Turkish Businessmen, has large stakes in both Bellair and Ingram.

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FOOTBALL: VICTORY EARNS REPRIEVE FOR THE PRESENT THAT COULD BE DEFEAT FOR THE FUTURE

Robson must rebuild now

At 1.25 on Thursday morning, while the customs and baggage men at Luton Airport shuffled their feet impatiently in their wish to get home, Bobby Robson, unaware of the hour, stood gazing into the future of his uncertain England team for the benefit of those of us scribes still moderately lucid on the way back from Budapest.

There were noises off from his international committee chairman, muttering with a stage whisper. "I hope there aren't any more questions," but Robson was immune to such didactic urgency as he reflected on an easy victory over tepid Hungary which neither wholly rescues our European Championship prospects nor resolves the selection dilemmas that attend every manager.

With an air of optimism which was reasonable, but built on what seems to me a slightly false basis, Robson suggested that the victory had deferred the extent of the rebuilding which he had believed a defeat would make essential. Having watched a videotape of the loss to Denmark, he had concluded: "We were in some ways worse then I had thought."

A realistic view of Hungary's performance came from Ron Greenwood, who commented, when someone mentioned that few teams besides England had twice won in Hungary, that there would indeed be plenty more "if they keep playing like that". My opinion is that Robson should take no notice whatever of this result in planning for the World Cup, whether or not some unexpected results find England scraping into the European finals.

When asked, at the beginning of their careers as international managers, whether the World Cup ought to be the main objective rather than the European Championship, both Greenwood and, last season, Robson denied that this was desirable, or possible, because a team needed "results" for the benefit of public confidence.

Since an international team nowadays almost never plays anything but competitive matches, this leads managers to conclude that every match matters, that none is suitable for proper experiment. This does not make sense.

Robson said at Luton that the extra training period provided by the cancellation of League fixtures last weekend had been of significant value, removing tension and producing a club atmosphere. That is the simple truth: the chasm between our Football League teams and the national side is the result of nothing more than the difference in training opportunities. With or without this England will only rediscover a team as efficient as those of Sir Alf Ramsey, pre-1972 when there is a continuous, settled selection.

Therefore Robson should now decide to abandon any lingering European Championship ambitions and let fortune in that competition take its own course, using the three years to build for the World Cup – starting against Luxembourg next month. This means, it must be said, some hard decisions.

The priority has to be develop and mature two if not three forwards who will regularly score goals, a quality which has been absent since the days of Channon and Keegan in Don Revie's early days. So Mariner, Withe and Blissett all of whose first touch is too erratic for international soccer, would have to go. Francis, likely to be too old by 1986, should be kept as standby in case new men do not emerge.

At present, the choice lies among the younger players such as Regis, Barnes, Walsh, Stein, Goddard, plus, possibly, Woodcock. Given the 25 or so matches – that is all – available before the World Cup finals in Mexico, two or three of those men could become an efficient international forward line.

Their character will be as important as ability, as it was with Roger Hunt in 1966. Only by making such clear-cut decisions now, together with a few more free weekends, will Robson find a team with a real chance.

The same principle must apply to other positions. Robson thinks that international players develop relatively slowly, but if they are already regular first division players, then it is not too early for the international test. That argument must apply, to Callaghan, Gregory, Caton, Walsh and Stein. The time for change is now.

David Miller





The pessimist and the optimist: Greenwood (left) has little of the hope that Robson has.

England's response to manager's threat may have come too late

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The sword of Damocles hung over the international careers of some England individuals in the Nep stadium on Wednesday night. After the flight back from Hungary, Bobby Robson confirmed that had they lost, he would have started the slow process of dismantling his old side and building a new future aimed at the World Cup in 1986.

Not one player failed to respond to that severe threat. Instead, collectively they used the blade to carve such deep wounds in the hearts of the Hungarians that even their manager, Gyorgy Mezey, conceded that he was "embarrassed" by the fragility of his own side. All his own fears have been painfully realized.

Robson was as full of respect for his opponents three weeks ago and wishes now that he could "turn the clock back" to the eve of the defeat by Denmark, which may have cost England a place in the European Championship finals. Bryan Robson, England's captain, conceded that, although Wednesday's 3-0 victory was "a magnificent all-round performance, it is probably too late".

The Hungarian character that withered so feebly in the face of English determination will, to a large extent, decide whether that is so. Bobby Robson will travel to watch them entertain Denmark in a fortnight and can at least now "sit, wait and hope" that they, in turn, respond to humiliation. Had his side lost in Budapest, he would have "sat, waited and thrown up".

Ron Greenwood, Robson's predecessor and an amdirer of Magyars gone by, knows their strengths and weaknesses more than most. He is pessimistic. "It is just not in their nature to be strong-willed", he said. "Once they are a goal down, they collapse mentally. I don't think there is any way they will recover from this in time".

Hungarian morale could scarcely be lower if it had been tied to block of concrete and dropped in the Danube. Prison sentences have just been imposed on those found guilty of fixing matches outside the first division and Ferencvaros, the leading club who attract the majority of the country's spectators, have been ordered to play their next two games away from home.

One of their supporters is to blame. During a recent match, he threw a missile in the unusual shape of a train strap handle, which struck the opposing goalkeeper on the head. The referee promptly abandoned the game. Hungary's internal affairs are in turmoil and their international side has long been out of contention for the European championships.

If Hungary do gain a point or two on October 26, England's fate will be decided by their own fortunes in Luxembourg and by those of the Danes in Greece on November 16. Robson, who may begin re-shaping his plans on either of those two nights, has made it clear that he will have no room for "luxuries".

The comment was aimed indirectly at Hoddle, who stands on the threshold of becoming a permanent fixture. He scored the first crucial goal, created the third and splashed his usual colour across an area that was so numbingly grey against Denmark. But Robson insists that he must tie his indisputable talents more tightly to traditional domestic qualities like energy and effort.

Nobody can claim that either Hoddle or any of his colleagues, specially in midfield, lacked those characteristics on Wednesday. The Hungarian resistance was shaken within a dozen minutes and broken before the interval. Yet mercifully Hoddle's more gentle attributes proved that continental opponents need not be knocked out by an iron fist alone. A velvet glove can be even more destructive.

Group three



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	6	5	1	0	15	4	11
England	7	4	2	1	19	3	10
Greece	5	2	1	2	5	6	5
Hungary	6	2	0	4	15	15	4
Luxembourg	6	0	0	6	5	31	0

Fixtures: October 26: Hungary v Denmark; November 16: Greece v Denmark, Luxembourg v England; December 3: Greece v Hungary; December 14: Greece v Luxembourg.

Success in system built for others

By Simon O'Hagan

The presence of one of the "minor" home nations in the finals of a major tournament gives a particular pleasure. They become touchingly identifiable, a footballing version of the small man, surviving and then triumphing in a system built round conglomerates.

In recent years Scotland and Northern Ireland have captured the domestic imagination in this way. Now Wales are displaying the kind of qualities which, given a setting like next year's European Championship finals, could find us all looking up that forgotten ancestor in Llangollen.

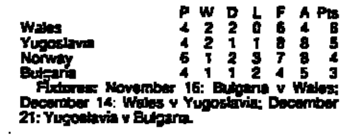
There is no doubt that if Wales maintain the form which earned them their 5-0 win over Romania in Wednesday's "friendly" at Wrexham they will reach France. Even if they lose in Bulgaria on November 16, victory in their last qualifying game, at home to Yugoslavia in December, would be enough.

Ian Rush, with his two goals on Wednesday, has assumed a role of almost dynamic significance: his level of skill gives a team of traditionally indefatigable hustlers a touch of world class. The "workers" are still there, of course, and so they need be: Flynn and Thomas in midfield, now joined by the stylishly composed Vaughan.

James and Jackett are playing to the top of their form, and with fluidity, not just industry, as a hallmark of the side, it is hard to see how Nicholas, dropped on Wednesday and surrendering the captaincy to Flynn in the process, can retain his place. Perhaps his projected return to Crystal Palace from Arsenal, will give him peace of mind and the opportunity to make a fresh start.

The Romanians, meanwhile, could not have looked less like a side at the head of their European qualifying group. On the one hand the Welsh may feel they can take extra credit for demolishing a team of such standing: on the other they should bear in mind Romania's experimental attitude, of which the use of all five substitutes was the most obvious manifestation.

Group four



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	4	2	2	0	6	4	6
Yugoslavia	4	2	1	1	8	8	5
Norway	6	1	2	3	7	8	4
Bulgaria	4	1	1	2	4	5	3

Fixtures: November 16: Bulgaria v Wales; December 14: Wales v Yugoslavia; December 21: Yugoslavia v Bulgaria.

Irish may tour US

Northern Ireland, beaten 1-0 in Turkey, will attempt to replenish their dwindling coffers with a lucrative summer tour as consolation for not qualifying for the European championship finals in France.

"We now look certain to miss the finals", the Irish FA president, Harry Cavan, said before leaving for FIFA duties in Switzerland yesterday. "It's a blow because the revenue from France would have been a stopgap following the decision by England and Scotland to kill off the home internationals.

"Fortunately, our standing is still high after our World Cup success last year, so we shouldn's have any trouble arranging something, with a tour of North America as the favourite. But there still doesn't appear to be a long-term solution for replacing the £100,000 a year that these lost games were conservatively worth to us."

Already in danger is the youth policy, with Mr Cavan saying: "The youth team came with us to Turkey, but that could be the first thing to be hit if we have to tighten our belts. It's a policy that has thrown up players like George Best, Derek Dougan, Pat Jennings and Norman Whiteside – players who have benefited the English League

The Irish may now, with Wales, claim compensation from England and Scotland. Mr Cavan said: "They were the ones who raised the possibility of paying compensation when they first mooted the idea of abandoning the British championship a year ago. But we have not heard anything since."

Group six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	7	4	1	2	14	7	9
N Ireland	7	4	1	2	7	5	9
W Germany	6	3	1	1	8	2	7
Turkey	6	2	1	3	4	10	5
Albania	7	0	2	5	3	12	2

Fixtures: October 26: W Germany v Turkey; November 16: W Germany v N Ireland; Turkey v Austria; November 20: W Germany v Albania.

Hand's job at risk

The two major casualties of the Republic of Ireland's 3-2 defeat by Holland in their European Championship game in Dublin on Wednesday could be Eoin Hand, the manager and Tony Grealish, the captain.

The renewal of Hand's contract, which expires next June, now seems unlikely after his failure to lead the Republic to either the World Cup or European Championship finals. The loss of a commanding two-goal lead at half time against Holland will only serve further to jeopardise his chances of being installed as manager for the 1986 World Cup.

Hand's two substitutions on Wesnesday were thought by many to have been made too late to be effective. In contrast Holland's manager Rijvers made a timely decision at half time when he brought on Borcken for Van Tiggelen and gave the sweeper Gullit an attacking role. Gullit scored Holland's first goal and then the winner.

Grealish has performed indifferently in his last five internationls, and although a leg injury forced him to be taken off near the end of Wednesday's match, he could now be relegated to the role of substitute when the Republic play Malta in November.

Group seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	6	5	1	0	11	5	11
Netherlands	6	4	1	1	15	5	9
Rep Ireland	7	3	1	3	12	10	7
Iceland	8	1	1	6	3	13	3
Malta	5	1	0	4	4	12	2

Fixtures: November 16: Netherlands v Spain, Republic of Ireland v Malta; December 17: Netherlands v Malta; December 21: Spain v Malta.

QPR's new pitch

Queen's Park Rangers are likely to replace their artificial pitch with an improved version. Negotiations have started with Omnisport, the makers of the pitch at Loftus Road, to put down the new surface, costing about £250,000, at the end of the season.

Aston Villa deficit of nearly £2m

The year after winning the European Cup, Aston Villa lost over £500,000 and now have an overall deficit of just under £2m.

The accounts up to June 30 show that Villa made an operating loss of £53,251, compared with a profit of over £311,000 the previous year. The signing of Alan Curbishley, Steve McMahon and Paul Rideout left Villa with a loss on transfers of £450,250.

In his report to shareholders, the chairman, Doug Ellis, who took over last December, says there was a decrease in Villa Park league gates of nearly 64,000 last season and total income went down by nearly £363,000. Players' wages went up by over £124,000. One member of the staff earned up to £70,000, another £60,000, and nine others around £50,000.

At the annual meeting on November 3, three directors will be appointed. Mr Ellis is up for reelection and there are nominations for the club's medical officer, Dr David Targett, the solicitor, John Alderson, and Alfred Chinn from the shareholders' association.

There are also resolutions which, if passed, would enable the club to carry on other activities outside football and also have one paid director.

The report to shareholders reveals that the Director of Public Prosecutions has told police not to continue with their inquiries into building work on the north stand at Villa Park.

Chester resigns

The Sheffield United secretary Dick Chester, has resigned and is to start a football management consultancy.

Scotland fail to resolve Stein's great dilemma

By Hugh Taylor

As always, Jock Stein looked on the bright side. "At least" he said, after the 1-1 draw with Belgium in the European championship qualifying match, "we are progressing with the pattern laid down and it was a good evercise against a team of the highest calibre".

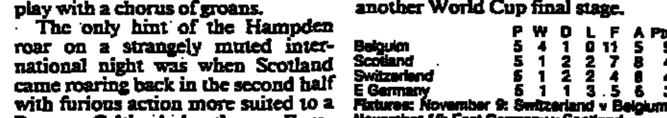
The Scotland manager, however, must have realised that there is a long way to go to match not only the crafty Belgians, now among the favourites to win the European Championship in France, but the other elite sides for rhythm, strength and understanding. Only then will Scotland have the slightest pretence to becoming a power again in international football.

It must be conceded that Scotland will be better balanced, more fluent, quicker and certainly more inventive when Souness and in particular the imaginative Strachan returns. Nevertheless, the great British footballing dilemma must be much on Stein's mind: how really to play it in Europe. Again it took a burst of traditional fire for the Scots to snatch the equaliser through Nicholas after the Belgians had exposed deficiencies in their home defence to open the scoring.

So it is obvious that the British succeed, as the Northern Irish have proved so often, more by bustling-up-and-at-them assaults than by the cool, almost contemptuous approach of the Belgians, using the offside trap *ad nauseam*. Alas, the Irish formula in the long term will never wi European championships of World Cups.

Stein would like to play more like the Belgians. But he says sadly: "Our public will never stand for us playing that way". The manager was proved right in his belief in a deplorable first half, during which the Belgians appeared to believe it was a practice match. Casual they were, but yet so effective with it at brushing the Scots effortlessly aside, that the 23,000 crowd greeted the pedestrian, pseudo-continental display with a chorus of groans.

The only hint of the Hampden roar on a strangely muted international night was when Scotland came roaring back in the second half with furious action more suited to a Rangers-Celtic derby than a European occasion. However there is one happy aspect: Stein now recognises that he has the nucleus of a World Cup qualifying side in Miller, McLeish, Dalglish, and the missing Souness and Strachan. Bett, the young McStay, who was not so prominent against the Belgians, and the formidable Aitken also showed enough class to make them probables for Mexico. But there is still a vulnerability about the full backs and it is debatable whether Robertson's legs will carry him to another World Cup final stage.



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	5	4	1	0	11	5	9
Scotland	5	1	2	2	7	8	4
Switzerland	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
E Germany	5	1	1	3	5	6	3

Fixtures: November 9: Switzerland v Belgium; November 16: East Germany v Scotland.

BADMINTON

Mrs Podger breaks her leanest spell

By Richard Eaton

Sally Podger, the former England number one, who had been getting desperate at her recent lack of success, yesterday earned herself a marvellous chance of unexpectedly reaching the final of the Masters invitation event, sponsored by Famous Grouse, at the Spectrum Arena, Warrington.

Mrs Podger, who returned with one solitary singles win for all her efforts on an arduous trip to the Far East, suddenly conjured a 12-11, 5-11, 11-3 success against Helen Troke, the 18-year-old new England number one, who is currently stuck with a whole heap of burdensome labels, from prodigy to supergirl to world-beater. That is perhaps, the inevitable price of being England's most promising player since the former world number one Gillian Gilks in the late seventies.

Conjured is the word for Mrs Podger's win. To her indeed it must have seemed like magic. She had considered taking advice from the England manager Ciro Ciniglio to take a break from competition to get out of her dreadful run of losses. "I was afraid that they were beginning to affect her confidence," he explained. Mrs Podger added: "It's only now after this win that I have really decided that I will go on."

It was the first time she had played Miss Troke since losing to her in the Commonwealth Games final just over a year ago. She had however, the possible advantage of knowing her opponent well, having been her regular practice partner in Hampshire until returning after marriage to the badminton backwaters of Guernsey.

She was, therefore, able to read the signs quickly when Miss Troke, looking a little travel-weary, after her efforts in the heat of Indonesia, Malaysia, and Korea, began to stray from her usual consistency. To give a character like the determined Mrs Podger even half a chance at any time is extremely dangerous. On this occasion it took only moments for her to sense the chance of a fine win. After that the whole psychology of the match had altered.

From 5-9 down, the Guernsey woman produced three outstanding drop shot winners and even though she had a game point against her at 8-10, her self confidence had returned sufficiently for her to sneak the game with a smash to reach 11-11 and then another smash followed by a triumphant kill at the net.

The second game was more of what we had expected from a player like Miss Troke who is currently leading the grand prix points table, but in the third she was no longer herself, frequently clearing out, losing the bustle in her stride, and eventually fretting as the match tumbled away from her. Afterwards Mrs Podger, pink, wide-eyed and refreshingly exhuberant was a new woman.

In the men's singles there was another surprise, and also one that might affect the personnel in tomorrow's finals. Morten Frost, the 1982 All-England champion was beaten in a match lasting more than an hour 18-14, 8-15, 15-9 by Prakash Padukone, the 1980 All-England champion.

Prakash, an Indian, is now living in Frost's home city of Copenhagen

WOMEN'S SINGLES: (Round robin): S Podger (GB) bt H Troke (Eng) 12-11, 5-11, 11-3 Doubles (Round robin): Chen Ruzhen/Zheng Jian (China) bt A Tokuda/Y Yondkura (Jap) 15-13 15-10.
MENS SINGLES: Group A: P Padukone (India) bt M Frost (Den) 18-14, 8-15, 15-9. Group B: Luan Jin (China) bt J Nierhoff (Den) 17-18, 15-4, 15-4 Mixed doubles round robin: M Dew and G Gilks (Eng) bt T Kihlstrom (Swe) and Zheng Jian (China) 16-17, 15-9, 15-9

TENNIS

Britain in a pickle can still deal with a Gerken

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Barbara Gerken is the best known player in the United States team playing Britain for the Maureen Connolly Trophy – restricted to women under 22 years of age – in the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall at Cambridge. Two years ago she reached the last 16 of the United States Championship, beating Wendy Turnbull and Joanna Durie on the way. Unless her game had regressed she seemed odds-on favourite to beat Shelley Walpole yesterday and thus give the US an impregnable 6-0 lead in the 11 match contest, which ends today.

The logic of all this was acceptable to everyone except Miss Walpole, a leggy and lissome lass who (in spite of her talent as a musician) has names suggesting origins in some library devoted to the giants of English literature. Stern, resolute and bold, Miss Walpole won 7-5, 6-3 in an hour and 35 minutes. Yes, Britain were in a pickle. But she could still deal with a Gerken. She did so by beating the sturdy Miss Gerken at her own game in what Americans sometimes graphically describe as a slugfest.

Both are two-fisted on the backhand and hit hard and deep. Miss Gerken was the more inclined to try her luch at the net but Miss Walpole was an athletic and brave counter-puncher. They hit so hard, so consistently, that it seemed one or the other must eventually break an arm. Played mostly from the back of the court, this was nevertheless a thunderously aggressive match. Miss Walpole came within a point of leading 5-1 but lost 16 of the next 17 points. At 5-6 she saved two set points. In the tie-break Miss Gerken led by five points to three with a service to come but did not win another point. The second set was closer than 6-3 implies but Miss Walpole was always the front runner and never lost her nerve.

The US had advanced to 5-0 when Leigh Ann Eldredge beat Julie Salmon 6-3, 6-4 in 68 minutes. Miss Salmon was always willing to take initiatives in the case of winning rallies – rather than simply keeping them going

The awful thing is that such players as Andrea Jaeger, Tracy Austin, Pamela Shriver, Kathy Rinaldi, Zina Garrison, Bonnie Gadusek and Andrea Leand were all eligible to play for the US. Nancy Jeffett, who runs the American end of this annual fixture, said yesterday that youngsters who were "hot and heavy on the pro circuit" tended not to play at this subsidiary level. The US teams, she added, consisted mostly of such celebrities of the college game as wanted to play and could find the time. Three who had to turn down invitations to Cambridge were Beth Herr, Gretchen Rush, and Louise Allen. Never mind. The US team seemed to be slightly more than adequte.

Never mind. The US team at Cambridge was slightly more than adequate. Caroline Kuhlman of Kentucky retained the trophy for them with a 6-2 6-3 win over Rina Einy. That made it 6-1 with four to play. Today's tennis is strictly for the birds.

TOKYO: Women's tournament: second round (US unless stated): I, Bonder bt N Schutte (Neth), 7-5, 6-4; S Solomon bt S Margolin, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; Etsuko Inoue (Jap), bt R Reis, 6-3, 6-0; Kumiko Okamoto (Jap), bt D Gilbert (US), 6-3, 2-6, 6-1; M Schillig bt J Harrington, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; Nasako Yanagi (Jap) bt P Whytocross (Aus), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; T Mochizuki bt A Holton, 6-2, 6-1; I Arraya (Peru), bt Akiko Kijimuta (Jap), 7-5, 6-3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Ambassadors in boots

By Keith Macklin

The Queensland touring party were welcomed to Britain at Headingley yesterday and happily divulged the fact that they have been made official ambassadorial representatives abroad of the Queensland State government, a distinction they share with Harry Secombe and Rolfe Harris.

The tourists, who play Hull Kingston Rovers, Wigan and Leeds, were welcomed by the league chairman Jack Bateman.

For the first game against Hull Kingston Rovers on Sunday Queensland will field their three current internationals who toured Britain in 1982. They are the captain Wally Lewis, Mark Murray and Gene Miles. The coach is the former Australian international forward and Hull Kingston Rovers' player Artie Beetson.

● Hull Kingston Rovers have told struggling league newcomers Kent Invicta to return the former England prop John Millington. Millington joined the Maidstone-based club less than two months ago, but Rovers have still not received the £5,000 transfer fee.

● Barry Williams, the Wigan full back, has been transfer-listed at his own request.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Young men with a future overcome the past

By Paul Newman

Non-League football is thriving again in the Medway towns of North Kent. Dartford are leading the Southern League premier division and hot on their heels are Gravesend and Northfleet, who last season were in danger of being relegated to the League's southern division.

The two clubs have followed parallel paths in recent years. Both were relegated from the Alliance Premier League two seasons ago and, earlier this year, both appointed new, young managers after largely unsuccessful returns to the Southern League.

John Still succeeded Ernie Morgan as manager of Dartford five months ago. His only previous job as manager was at Leytonstone/Ilford where, in four years, he took the club into the Isthmian League premier division and led them to the league championship and victory in several cup competitions.

He left at the end of last season, frustrated by Leytonstone/Ilford's failue to win more support and this progress into the Alliance League.

George Dudley, Leytonstone/Ilford's coach, and three players – Clark, Powell and Jacques – have followed Still to Dartford whose side is now dominated by former Isthmian League players. Other signings made by Still, who sees no appreciable difference in standards between the Isthmian and Southern Leagues, include Arber and Makin from Dagenham, Simmonds and Sullivan from Bishop's Stortford, and Cowley from Tooting and Mitcham.

Dartford are keen to rejoin the Alliance League, but Still is anxious to avoid talk of promotion so early in the season. "I never like to set my sights so far ahead", he said. "I think we should just go out and take each game as it comes".

Gravesend were near the foot of the premier division when Tony Burns the former Arsenal and Crystal Palace goalkeeper, succeeded Stan Harland last Christmas. At the same time, financial problems forced the club to ask for wage cuts and several of the best players left, including Smith, Bryant, Hubbick, Mariner and Jolley.

Burns has, however, steadily rebuilt the side.

Last season Gravesend improved sufficiently to finish tenth in the table and their current form is such that they will break the 31-year-old club record of eight successive victories if they beat Ashford Town in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup tomorrow.

Dartford's attendances in recent games have approached the 1,000 mark. Gravesend, on the other hand, have been attracting crowds of little more than 400.

● Jimmy Mann, who played for Leeds United under Don Revie and later moved to Bristol City, Barnsley and Doncaster Rovers, has joined Goole Town. George Telfer, the former Everton forward, has signed non-contract terms with another Northern Premier League club, Barrow.

● Kevin Bird, who made nearly 500 appearances for Mansfield Town, has joined Boston United, of the Alliance League, after a short spell at Huddersfield Town.

FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

HWANGE (Zimbabwe): 50 overs: Young West Indies 202 all out (A Lyght 91, J Brant four for 41); Young Zimbabwe 206 for six (C Robertson 72).

CYCLING

MOSCOW: 500 metres, flying start: 1, O Mchedlichvili (USSR) (world record).

NOVARA (Italy): Tour of Piedmont open road event: 1, G Bontempi (It), 4hrs 37mins 58secs; 2, S Kelly (Ire); 3, F Moser (It), same time.

GOLF

AER LINGUS COMPETITION: At Goodwood: 1, Collier's Sixth Form College, Horsham, 235pts; 2, Christ's Hospital School, Horsham, 245; 3, Lancing College, 248. Best individual: I Ritchie (Collier's), 74. At Stratford-upon-Avon: 1, King Henry Vilith School, Coventry, 235; 2, Bablake School, Coventry, 250; 3, Cheltenham College, Cheltenham, 253. Best individual: L Lee (King Henry VIIIth), 73.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Winnipeg Jets 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 3; Buffalo Sabres 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 4; Chicago Black Hawks 2, Vancouver Canucks 1; Minnesota North Stars 7, Calgary Flames 5; Edmonton Oilers 8, Detroit Red Wings 3.

RACKETS

SCHOOL MATCH: Marlborough 0 Clifton 4 (Marlborough names first) J Heald, N Bryant lost to A Bishop, A Scott 15-6, 7-15, 15-2, 6-15, 9-15, 14-18; C Habanenanda, C Duggan lost to A Rosser, J Braybrooke, 8-15, 1-15, 0-15, 1-15; P Webb, H Reeves lost to G Palmer, S Buckland, 5-15, 4-15, 5-15, 3-15; G Baker, D Bevan lost to D White, K Rashid, 0-15, 15-6, 15-12, 5-15, 1-15, 9-15. Eton 1 Old Harrovians 1 (Eton first): A C B Giddins and A C Crichton-Stuart bt C B N Rome and C M Ohlson, 18-17, 15-2, 15-10, 6-15, 8-15, 3-15, 1-7; P Baily and M C Small lost to C Warren and J Warren, 15-12, 11-15, 15-2, 7-15, 9-15, 15-10, 7-15.

TABLE TENNIS

PARIS: European League: Czechoslovakia 6, Hungary 1; Poland 7, West Germany 0; France 3, Yugoslavia 1; England 2, Sweden 3.

VOLLEYBALL

CAMDEN: Camden league: Capital City Spikers 3, Polonia 2.

FOOTBALL

POLISH LEAGUE: Legia Warsaw 1, Slask Wroclaw 0; Wisla Krakow 2, Szombierki Bytom 0; Pogon Szczecin 2, Widzew Lodz 0; GKS Katowice 4, Baltyk Gdynia 0; Ruch Chorzow 2, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0; LKS Lodz 1, Motor Lublin 2; Gornik Zabrze 1, Lech Poznan 0; Gornik Walbrzych 2, Cracovia Krakow 0.

JUDO

MOSCOW: World championships: Light-heavyweight (under 95 kgs): First round: Group A: P Radburn (GB) bt K Molnar (Hun), dec. Second round: Radburn bt Leo Van Dosten (Neth), ippon. Third round: R Vachon (Fr) bt Radburn, Koka. Final: A Preschel (EG) bt V Divisenko (USSR), waza ari.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group 1 Scotland 1, Belgium 1; East Germany 3, Switzerland 0. Group 3: Hungary 0, England 3; Denmark 6, Luxembourg 0. Group 4: Yugoslavia 2, Norway 1. Group 6: Turkey 1, Northern Ireland 0. Group 7: Republic of Ireland 2, Netherlands 3.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales 5, Romania 0.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Leicester 3, Crystal Palace 1; Millwall 4, Swindon 0; Oxford United 2, Tottenham 4; Queen's Park Rangers 1, Southampton 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Chesham 3, Windsor and Eton 1; Feltham 1, Cheshunt 0. Second division: Newbury 4, Southall 2.

OTHER MATCHES: Turkey Youths 1, Northern Ireland Youths 1.

FA VASE: Preliminary round replays: Mangotsfield 3, Wilton 0; Peterlee 2, Chester-le-Street 3.

Today's fixtures

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated
Second division
Leeds United v Cambridge United
Third division
Orient v Port Vale
Fourth division
Reading v Crewe
Tranmere v Bristol City

BADMINTON

English Masters (at The Spectrum, Warrington).

GOLF

Open Scratch Mixed Foursomes (Worplesdon GC).

RACKETS

Harrow Doubles Weekend.

SQUASH RACKETS

American Express Brighton Open (at Brighton SRC).

SNOOKER

WPBSA Professional Players' Tournament (at Bristol).

BOXING

Sibson aims for Hagler

Tony Sibson is likely to be back in the ring at Wembley on November 22 for his first bout in Britain for 14 months. The Leicester middleweight's morale is high after his two-round victory over the Irish-American John Collins in Atlantic City, New Jersey on Saturday.

Sibson's manager Sam Burns disclosed yesterday a programme that he hopes will lead to a return challenge to the world champion Marvin Hagler, who beat him in Worcester, Massachusetts, early this year.

Sibson's last ring appearance in this country was at Wembley on September 14 last year, when he forced the Chilean Antonio Garrido to retire at the end of the eighth round.

Burns said yesterday: "We hope to start at Wembley and then there is the European title fight, which will soon be going out to purse offers.

"Afterwards, we intend to go back to America for a couple of fights in the New Year, including the Number One contender, Mustapha Hamsho, and after that, hopefully, Hagler. Tony intends to make up for last time, as he is very serious about the future."

Sibson: Wembley bout

Burns attributes Sibson's high-quality performance on Saturday to better sparring. He spent two weeks in London on his way to the United States where he arrived three weeks early to spar in American gyms.

Jones spurns title chance

Colin Jones could have had a third world title challenge in the United States next month but the chance was turned down, his manager Eddie Thomas disclosed yesterday.

After a draw and a defeat with Milton McCrory for the WBC championship the American promoter Bob Arum ofered Jones a contest for the WBA tile held by Don Curry.

"I declined because two big fights and two lots of preparation is enough for one man in one year. Apart from that it would not have been a good deal financially because of Colin's tax situation.

Thomas also indicated that McCrory, with whom Jones had two extremely close fights, remains the main objective, and he believes that the American might be forced to put his title at stake in the Spring.

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RACING: VINCENT O'BRIEN SEEKING SEVENTH TRIUMPH IN DEWHURST STAKES AT NEWMARKET

Opposition may bow the knee to El Gran Señor

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

It will need an exceptional performance in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket today for Lear Fan to be knocked off his perch as the best two-year-old seen in England this season. Nevertheless, with El Gran Senor, Ministerial, Rainbow Quest, Siberian Express and Superlative all standing their ground, today's feature race, which has been sponsored by the William Hill Organization again, is just the sort to delight the panel of international handicappers as they begin to set about the task of drawing up the season's classifications.

El Gran Senor is thought to be the best of his age in Ireland this year, while Siberian Express is unquestionably one of the best in France. The cream of the English two-year-olds may not be on parade today, but Ministerial, Rainbow Quest and Superlative are a trio capable of testing the strength of the French and Irish invaders.

El Gran Senor is my selection. No one has a better record in this race than his trainer, Vincent O'Brien, who has won it six times in the last 14 years, beginning with the legendary Nijinsky in 1969. In the intervening years Cellini, The Minstrel, Try My Best, Monteverdi and Storm Bird were all successful standard bearers for the master of Ballydoyle. El Gran Senor, incidentally, is a full brother to Try My Best, who was a very good two-year-old.

A gallop with an older horse boosting winning pattern race form first pointed to El Gran Senor being a cut above average early in the summer. In the meantime El Gran Senor has translated that promise into fact by winning all his races. It was only after another gallop at Ballydoyle on Tuesday that O'Brien finally decided to put his colt's unbeaten record at stake and you can rest assured that that decision would not have been reached without a great deal of heart-searching.

On paper El Gran Senor's form does not look as good as Siberian Express's achievements in France, where he has won the Prix Morny and finished second in the Prix de la Salamandre. Yet the Irish colt seems much more certain to last today's seven furlongs without flinching.

Siberian Express is unquestionably very fast, judged on the way that he beat the Prix Robert Papin winner, Masarika, in the Morny, but the last furlong, which is uphill all the way at Newmarket, could prove his undoing today just as it did in the Salamandre. On a line through both Masarika and Defecting Dancer, Siberian Express appears to have the measure of Superlative, who was runner-up in the Middle Park Stakes a fortnight ago.

Rainbow Quest impresses me much more as an individual than Ministerial and I also like the way that he goes about his business better, too. Ministerial has hung and shown signs of greenness in all his three races, whereas Rainbow Quest has come home as straight as a gun barrel on both occasions he has won. He was particularly impressive when winning the Haynes, Hanson and Clark Stakes at Newbury last month and I will not be surprised if he gives the connections of the big two cause for concern.

No matter how Ministerial fares in the big race Guy Harwood and Greville Starkey should not leave the course empty handed because they appear to have an excellent chance of picking up the Rockfel Stakes with Kanz, even though such promising fillies as Capricorn Belle, Khwlah, Mahogany and Sandy Island are among her opponents. Mahogany made a deep impression on me when she beat Seattle Siren at Newbury, but by all accounts the ease with which Kanz put her rivals at Leicester to rout had to be seen to be believed.

● Diamond Shoal, a disappointing twelfth in the Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp 11 days ago, will be sent to the US for the Turf Classic at Aqueduct on October 29. Ian Balding, his trainer, said at Newmarket sales yesterday: "I was obviously disappointed with his running in France, but it proves that the Arc is the most difficult race in the world to win".

If the son of Mill Reef runs well in the American race, he may then have a crack at the Japan Cup. Balding added: "No decision has been made about whether he'll be in training next year. His stud career will be in America, rather than England

Piggott a joy to watch on Salieri

By Michael Seely

Two "schoolmasters" captured the headlines at Newmarket yesterday. Both Salieri and Wiki Wiki Wheels have been helping to educate the two-year-olds in Henry Cecil's and Charlie Nelson's stable, respectively. And they showed themselves to be still in fine trim with authoritive displays in the Bisquit Cognac Challenge Stakes and Fordham Handicap.

Salieri's victory was a joy to watch. There are few pleasures in racing comparable to that of watching Lester Piggott in confident mood. Backers of the 13-8 favourite must have been on good terms with themselves long before the maestro sent Salieri in pursuit of the leader, Noalcoholic. Quickening smoothly up the hill, Salieri won by two lengths with Sandhurst Prince a length away third.

Cecil was a relieved man afterwards. "Salieri developed an abscess on his near-hind foot three days ago", the trainer said. "We had it cut out and then left the place open in the hope that it wouldn't become infected again. It was touch and go."

Salieri has certainly found his form with a vengeance this autumn. Yesterday's victory followed a defeat of Royal Heroine in the Hungerford Stakes at Newbury and a win in the Diadem Stakes at Ascot. In between these two successes Charles St George's three-year-old had been unlucky to be narrowly beaten by Annie Edge at Doncaster.

"There is just a chance that he might go to Longchamp for the Prix de la Forêt, but otherwise he is finished for the season," the four times champion said. "Salieri will probably remain in training next year. Although he has won over six furlongs, seven is his best trip," Cecil concluded.

Wiki Wiki Wheels continued the fine run of success being enjoyed by Nelson's horses when capturing the seven-furlong handicap. Worlingworth and Michael Hills had tried to make every yard of the running but were caught in the dip by Pat Eddery and the winner. "He got a bit fed up trying to give weight to all those improving horses in the spring," Nelson said. "But he's taken on a new lease of life in blinkers. Let's hope its a good omen for Mahongany in the Rockfel Stakes."

The astute Yorkshire trainer, Steve Norton, followed up his victory with Ahohoney at the October meeting by winning the Graham Ford Nursery with Mr Meeka. In the absence of the injured John Lowe, Tony Ives rode his first winner for the stable. "Mr Meeka looked well handicapped after Alnood, the horse that beat him at Haydock, had won at Ascot," said Norton, who is enjoying his best ever season with 38 winners to his credit.

The policy of following stables in form at this time of the year again paid dividends when Greville Starkey and Statesmanship gave Guy Harwood his 88th victory of the season in the Park Paddock Stakes. Those who fancy Sackford for tomorrow's Champion Stakes must have received encouragement for their hopes after Sandhurst Prince had run so well against Salieri.

Statesmenship endorsed the well-being of the Pulborough horses. "He's in the horses in training sales." Geoff Lawson, Harwood's assistant said. "He should make a hurdler. He's already jumped well at home and he's such an honest trier."

Brian Jago drives Parveno home in the selling race (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Race fixing move

There is a new development in the story of the alleged race fixing by jockeys in the summer, as reported in the Sun newspaper, Michael Seely writes. Details were sent by Peter Smiles, the head of the Jockey Club's security services, to the Director of Public Prosecutions, who decided that there was insufficient evidence and returned the papers. However, Lord Manton, the Senior Steward, said at Newmarket: "Our solicitors have received the documents, but have now resubmitted them to the DPP on another point."

BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Newmarket: 1.45 Manix, Sharp Taxi. Lingfield: 2.15 Proudest Diana. 2.45 Son Of Kandy. 3.45 Drum Maker, Amigo Alegre. 4.15 Imperial Import, Tha. Catterick: 3.0 Casber Kid, Johnny Zero.

ATHLETICS

Pearl in the race to join sponsors

The athletics money boom continues like a veritable klondike. Barely a week goes by, even in this relatively quiet period between the track and cross country seasons, without a new sponsor rushing in to stake a claim. Yesterday it was the turn of road running to profit from £200,000 that Pearl Assurance is putting into a series of half-marathons, in conjunction with the Amateur Athletic Association.

There will be six races in Britain during next Spring – the first will be at Thamesmead, south east London on April 1 – leading up to the first AAA half marathon championship in Birmingham on July 8. The first fifty men in each regional race will qualify for the national championship, and up to £3,000 will be available at each race for payments to the leading runners.

This series of races follows a similar series of 10 kilometre event which are being staged currently. And Mike Gratton, this year's London Marathon winner, welcomed the opportunity of using these shorter races to build up to next year's Olympic marathon.

Gratton has pulled out of the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, preferring to run the Fukuoka Marathon in December, but the Jones boys, Hugh and Steve are mounting a double assault on the Chicago streets. It is Hugh's first marathon since his eighth place in the world chapionship in August, and there is much expectation of Steve, a very good 10,000 metre runner, doing well in his first marathon.

TABLE TENNIS

Academy of life calls for Prean

By a Special Correspondent

England's 5-2 defeat to Sweden in the second match of the season at Sunderland on Wednesday may have dimmed their hopes of a European Superleague title challenge but there are compensating bright factors for that.

Desmond Douglas, already winner of the French and German grands prix, had a good win over Jan-Ove Waldner, the European number two who saved three matchpoints to knock him out of the European championships. Meanwhile England's other national champion, Karen Witt, shrugged off the discomfort of her injured back to score her second European Superleague singles success in a row, against the European number 12, Marie Lindblad.

Carl Prean, since an extremely productive World Cup in Barbados, last month in which he finished sixth, is now, on his own admission, ploughing fallow ground with four singles defeats in a row. More were in prospect in the follow-up friendly match against Sewden at Bury last night. But the 16 year-old England number one may decide to leave school after Christmas; that would indeed be a good thing for England's table tennis. That depends, though, on 0-level exam re-sits, but certainly Prean's father, once determined that his son should complete an adademic career, is now accustomed to the idea of his son becoming a professional table tennis player in the near future.

This is a must for Prean if he is to keep pace with the development of the three brilliant Swedes, Appelgren, World Cup winner at 22, Waldner, only 17, and Lindh, 19, and if these three do not win for their country both the Superleague and the European Championship this season it will be quite a surprise.

Sweden last month beat Hungary, whose men still possess the the European team title, by an incredible seven-nil. Despite the tenacity of Surbek, the 37-year-old table tennis legend, and the awkwardness of Kalinic, Surbek's fellow world doubles championship partner, the Yugoslavs will almost certainly find the rentention of the European Superleague title a desperately difficult thing.

IN BRIEF

Soviet visit confirmed

Los Angeles (Agencies) – A Los Angeles Olympic Games official has confirmed a visit by Olympic officials from the Soviet Union. The delegation will comprise "technical people" and will "make all the final arrangements" for the Soviet team coming to Los Angeles.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne, said he hoped the visit would lead to certain participation by the Soviet Union in the 1984 Games. The date of the visit is not yet known.

SQUASH RACKETS: The world champion, Jahangir Khan, plans to play on the lucrative United states circuit later this year.

POWER BOATS: Ted Toleman (Brentwood, Essex) achieved his ambition on Windermere of raising the world class I offshore record above 120mph. With his co-driver, Harold Smith, he drove his 1300hp Stuyvesant catamaran at an average speed of 120.94mph, improving on his record of 117.31.

BOWLS: David Bryant heads the England team in international matches in New Zealand and Australia, starting on November 17 at Auckland. With him will be Andy Thomson, Julian Haines and Pip Branfield.

DARTS: The former world champion, John Lowe, announced a three-year sponsorship deal, worth £100,000 over the next three years, with the Citizen Watch Company, of Japan.

RUGBY UNION: Nick Jeavons, who had to pull out of Moseley's game against Orrell because of a hand injury, should be fit to take his place as one of the replacements for England against Canada tomorrow.

CYCLING: Bernard Hinault, who will lead his own team next season, has engaged a former Swiss professional, Paul Koechli, as trainer.

WEIGHTLIFTING: China are sending a team to the world championships at Yerevan, Soviet Armenia, starting on October 22.

Newmarket

Draw: no advantage

Tote: Double 2.45, 3.50. Treble 2.15, 3.15, 4.20

[Television (ITV) 2.15, 2.45 and 3.15 races]

1.45 BOSCAWEN STAKES (2-y-o selling: £3,044: 1m) (17 runners)

103 001 SOVEREIGN HONEY (A Norman-Thorpe) W Guest 8-13 ...R Guest 6
104 0010 TROPICAL STORM (D) (Mrs M Harrison) A Bailey 8-13 ...P Bloomfield 5 14
105 004104 VAL'S PRIDE (R Lee) M Ryan 8-13 ...D Mckeown 3 16
106 000 DUFFY McGOVERN (Duffy & McGovern) M Prescott 8-11 ...A P O'Reilly 7 13
107 040030 FLYING TONY (Yazid & Ahmed Ltd) R Sheather 8-11 ...L Piggott 7
109 HOWIE (B Marsham) W Musson 8-11 ...M Miller 10
111 022340 KANSAS BOB (D Wickins) R Akehurst 8-11 ...G Baxter 8
112 000 MANIX (B) (Mrs R Jarvis) I Walker 8-11 ...G Starkey 3
114 00400 PEARL KING (T Cunningham) R Hannon 8-11 ... – 9
116 24400 SHARP TAXI (B) (Mrs M Jones) R J Williams 8-11 ...R Cochrane 11
117 000 STAR BREAKER (Newgate Ltd) P Cole 8-11 ...P Cook 5
118 0002 THE HOMAN (M Samlalsingh) N Callaghan 8-11 ...Pat Eddery 2
119 002004 THE TARGE (B) (Mrs B Wiggall) C Nelson 8-11 ...J Mercer 12
120 00 WUSANAME (C Rogers) R Hannon 8-11 ...A McGlone 3 17
123 0003 BLUE WONDER (Mrs M Hunt) D Elsworth 8-8 ...S Cauthen 15
126 00 MILL HOUSE LADY (B Booker) W Musson 8-8 ...T Ives 4
129 0 PENNY RED (F Sahadi) P Cole 8-8 ...W R Swinburn 1

4 Blue Wonder, 5 Sovereign Honey, 6 The Targe, 7 Star Breaker, 9 Flying Tony, 12 The Homan, 14 Sharp Taxi, Val's Pride, 16 Tropical Storm, 20 others.

2.15 ROCKFEL STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £10,768: 7f) (14)

202 1 CAPRICORN BELLE (C) (I Allan) L Cumani 8-8 ...R Guest 9
204 31 KANZ (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 8-8 ...G Starkey 7
205 1 KHWLAH (H Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 8-8 ...P Cook 4
206 1 MAHOGANY (D) (Mrs W Tulloch) C Nelson 8-8 ...J Mercer 11
208 104102 MYSTERY SHIP (D) (Mrs M Simpson) M Usher 8-8 ... – 10
212 003 CELTIC ASSEMBLY (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-5 ...T Ives 2
213 DEW (Mrs J de Rothschild) B Hobbs 8-5 ...G Baxter 12
215 03 FAIR HABIT (S Hanson) M Stoute 8-5 ...W R Swinburn 1
216 GREEN ROCK (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-5 ...S Cauthen 13
218 0 LLANDDONA (Mrs J Shedden) B Hobbs 8-5 ...DOUBTFUL 14
220 020 ROSOLIO (Lady P Rous) R Armstrong 8-5 ...E Johnson 3
222 SANDY ISLAND (Lord H de Walden) H Cecil 8-5 ...L Piggott 6
223 SING SWING (Gulting Stud Ltd) J Hindley 8-5 ...M Hills 5
225 30 VIDALIA (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-5 ...Pat Eddery 8

5-2 Kanz, 4 Capricorn Belle, 11-2 Sandy Island, 13-2 Mahogany, 8 Khwlah, 12 Mystery Ship, 16 Fair Habit, 20 Rosolio, Celtic Assembly, 25 others.

FORM: Capricorn Belle (8-11) won 1½l from Coda (level) 29 ran. Newmarket 6f mdn stks good to firm Sep 29. Kanz (8-11) won 4l from Rasseema (level) 15 ran. Leicester 1m mdn stks good Sep 19. Khwlah (8-11) won 1½l from Lovers Bid (level) 25 ran. Newbury 6f mdn stks good to firm Aug 12. Mahogany (8-8) won well ¾ from Seattle Siren (gave 4lb) 21 ran. Newbury 7f stks good Sep 16. Mystery ship (8-11) 2nd beaten ¾l to Rocket Alert (gave 3 lb) Fair Habit (rec 7lb) 3rd beaten 3¾ 7 ran. Ayr 6f stks soft. Sep 17. Celtic Assembly (8-11) 3rd beaten 3l to Satinette (level) 14 ran. Goodwood 7f mdn stks good to firm July 28.
SELECTION: Mahogany.

2.45 WILLIAM HILL DEWHURST STAKES (Group I: 2-y-o: £44,219: 7f) (10)

301 6 BLACK SPOUT (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 ...G Baxter 2
302 01 CHELKOV (CD) (W Hawn) R Armstrong 9-0 ...L Piggott 3
303 420 CORNCHARM (Corncharm Ltd) M McCormack 9-0 ...J Mercer 8
305 111 EL GRAN SENOR (D) (R Sangster) V O'Brien (Ire) 9-0 ...Pat Eddery 7
307 34310 HARVARD (D) (P Meredew) R Boss 9-0 ...P Cook 1
308 121 MINISTERIAL (D) (S Niarchos) G Harwood 9-0 ...G Starkey 9
309 401024 NASR (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 9-0 ...W R Swinburn 5
311 11 RAINBOW QUEST (D) (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0 ...S Cauthen 6
312 112 SIBERIAN EXPRESS (M Fustok) M Saliba (Fr) 9-0 ...Y Saint-Martin 10
313 101212 SUPERLATIVE (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0 ...T Ives 4

15-8 El Gran Senor, 100-30 Rainbow Quest, 9-2 Siberian Express, 6 Superlative, 8 Ministerial, 16 Chelkov, 33 others.

FORM: Chelkov (9-0) won 1½l from Shipwright (level) 21 ran. Newmarket 7f mdn stks good to firm Sep 30. El Gran Senor (9-0) won ½l from Sign-of-Life (rec 3 lb) 8 ran. Curragh 7f stks good Sep 10. Ministerial (9-3) won 2½l from Ilium (rec 6lb) 11 ran. Ascot 7f stks good to firm Oct 8. Rainbow Quest (9-2) won well 1½l Duelling (rec 5lb) 21 ran. Newbury 1m stks good Sep 16. Siberian Express (8-11) 2nd beaten ½l to Seattle Song (level) 5 ran. Longchamp 7f stks soft Sep 18. Superlative (9-0) 2nd beaten 1½l to Craig-An-Sgor (level) 9 ran. Newmarket 6f stks good to firm Sep 29.

3.15 PHANTOM HOUSE HANDICAP (£5,244: 6f) (15)

401 092003/ ANOTHER REALM (D Goldstein) F Durr 5-10-0 ... – 1
402 012311 COQUITO'S FRIEND (D) (A Alvarado) B Hanbury 3-9-13 ...L Piggott 6
403 0-1130 BOLD SECRET (CD) (I Stewart-Brown) G P-Gordon 3-9-7 ...J Mercer 3
404 002300 CAMISITE (CD) (Miss D Duval) W O'Gorman 5-9-7 ...T Ives 7
405 020401 DOC MARTEN (D) (R Griggs & Co Ltd) A Hide 5-9-7 (7 ex) ...E Hide 2
407 1-13020 SALVINIA (C) (Marquesa de Moratalla) B Hobbs 3-9-0 ...G Baxter 14
408 04-4032 BATTLE HYMN (D) (Mrs D Abbott) G Harwood 4-8-0 ...G Starkey 11
409 012011 OLD DOMINION (D) (P Mellon) I Balding 6-8-13 ...S Cauthen 9
410 200200 ARDROX LAD (D) (H E Sheikh H Al Nahayan) M Blanshard 3-8-13 ...R Cochrane 4
414 102003 ALAKH (D) (Miss M Sherriffe) J Tree 3-8-7 ...Pat Eddery 10
417 113102 LITTLE MERCY (C Blackwell) J Winter 5-8-5 ...Gay Kelleway 5 5
419 320104 ROMAN RULER (D) (J Brown) W Wightman 4-7-13 ...A McGlone 3 13
422 042444 MEL'S CHOICE (M Brittain) D Plant 5-7-12 ...E Johnson 8
424 001000 LANDSEER (D) (K Browning) D Sasse 3-7-11 ...D Mckay 15
425 140012 GROSZEWSKI (D) (H Lebovitz) J Sutcliffe 3-7-11 ...M Hills 3 12

100-30 Old Dominion, 4 Mel's Choice, 11-2 Groszewski, 13-2 Coquito's Friend, 8 Battle Hymn, 12 Alakh, 14 Bold Secret, 20 Camisite, 25 others.

3.50 FAKENHAM HANDICAP (£4,584: 1m 4f) (14)

501 122100 VORACITY (CD) (Lord Derby) J Winter 4-10-0 ...L Piggott 7
502 100323 SAY PRIMULA (CD) (Kavli) J W Watts 5-9-11 ...E Hide 9
503 200d10 BUCKLOW HILL (D) (N Nuttall) J FitzGerald 6-8-11 ...S Cauthen 3
505 200204 ABERFIELD (CD) (G Kaye) P Kelleway 6-8-9 ...Gay Kelleway 5 8
506 132002 KEELBY KAVALIER (D) (Mrs J Durrant) J Etherington 5-8-8 ...J Seagrave 4
507 031324 NIKIFOROS (D) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 4-8-8 ...Pat Eddery 10
508 110200 FAWG (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-8-8 ...G Starkey 2
512 430001 BOTH ENDS BURNING (D) (R Cyzer) H Candy 3-8-0 ...T Williams 7 1
514 003600 FRENCH GENT (C Webster) S Norton 4-7-13 ...E Johnson 13
515 010331 ZORN (D) (M Berger) J Dunlop 3-7-13 ...G Baxter 11
518 104004 CRISTALGA (Lady J De Chair) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-7-11 ...M Hills 3 14
520 210100 NEBIHA (D) (Dana Stud Ltd) G Huffer 3-7-9 ...B Crossley 5
521 001104 WANG FEIHOONG (D) (M Yong) P Haslam 3-7-8 ...M Thomas 12
524 024201 GILLIE'S PRINCE (D) (P Bottomley) K Stone 4-7-7 (5 ex) ...A Mackay 6

4 Bucklow Hill, 5 Zorn, 6 Aberfield, 15-2 Nikiforos, 9 Voracity, 12 Both Ends Burning, 14 Keelby Kavalier, 16 Nebiha, 20 Say Primula, 25 others.

4.20 MELBOURN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £4,815: 1m) (12)

601 12-4110 MAGNETIC FIELD (D) (M Fustok) H Cecil 9-7 ...L Piggott 7
602 141-004 SILK SARI (W Jones jun) G Harwood 9-0 ...G Starkey 10
604 0-12002 ALAWIR (H Maktoum) Thomson Jones 8-8 ...P Cook 8
605 132401 KELLATHI (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) F Durr 8-8 (5 ex) ...J Mercer 5
606 101000 EL GITANO (D) (D McIntyre) A Hide 8-5 ...W R Swinburn 3
607 012114 VALERIO (D) (B Hamoud) L Cumani 8-5 ...Pat Eddery 1
608 000000 ORANGE SQUASH (R Bishop & Son Ltd) R Smyth 8-2 ...G Baxter 11
609 0-00100 OULA OWL (CD) (Mrs A Brucker) L Cumani 8-1 ...A Rogers 7 12
610 0-02444 JEMEELA (Dana Stud Ltd) G Huffer 7-11 ...B Crossley 6
612 310323 KRAKOW (J Wigan) M Stoute 7-8 ...M L Thomas 9
613 00-0021 HABITASSA (R Sangster) B Hills 7-7 (5 ex) ...M Hills 3 2
615 02-0120 FOLLOW THE STARS (C Harper) D Elsworth 7-7 ...A McGlone 3 4

11-4 Jemeela, 7-2 Krakow, 5 Magnetic Field, 7 Valerio, 10 Kellathi, 12 Habitassa, 14 Silk Sari, 20 others.

Newmarket selections

By Michael Phillips

1.45 Penny Red. 2.15 Kanz. 2.45 El Gran Senor. 3.15 Battle Hymn. 3.50 Both Ends Burning. 4.20 Alawir.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.45 The Homan. 2.15 Capricorn Belle. 2.45 Chelkov. 3.15 Doc Marten. 3.50 Voracity. 4.20 Alawir.

Lingfield selections

By Michael Phillips

1.45 Woodcote. 2.15 Midnight Mouse. 2.45 Alghuzaylah. 3.15 Risk All. 3.45 Chantry. 4.15 Preobrajenska. 4.45 Katies. 5.15 Channel Affair.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.45 Woodcote. 2.15 Proudest Diana. 2.45 Alghuzaylah. 3.15 Honey. 3.45 Spanish Bold. 4.15 Preobrajenska. 4.45 Katies. 5.15 Southern Dynasty.

Catterick selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.30 Wings Of The Morn. 3.0 Mareema. 3.30 Tancred Walk. 4.0 Cats. 4.30 River Maiden. 5.0 Mommets Lass. 5.30 Pine Ridge.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Swaledale. 3.0 Fred. 3.30 Ivy Thorn. 4.0 Blue Brocade. 4.30 Molokai. 5.0 Lysithea. 5.30 Pine Ridge.

Lingfield Park

Draw advantage: high, but on heavy going low numbers best

Tote: Double 2.45, 3.45. Treble 2.15, 3.15, 4.15

1.45 ROWLEY HANDICAP (£2,719: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

5 1132 WOODCOTE (D) G P-Gordon 3-9-7 ...B Raymond 6
9 0102- KINGS SOLDIER (D) J Jenkins 4-9-4 ... – 7
11 1412 WE'LL MEET AGAIN (D) C Benstead 6-9-1 ...B Rouse 5
14 0120 EPETIOS (D) G Harwood 3-8-13 ...A Clark 14
15 0100- DALBURY (D) P Haynes 5-8-13 ...N Dawe 5 1
17 1400 STAR OF A GUNNER R Holder 3-8-11 ...R Curant 12
22 2220 WORLINGFOOT M Ryan 3-8-5 ...P Robinson 9
24 1340 ONESSILOS (D) J Dunlop 3-8-0 ...W Newnes 8
25 0033 PROFIT WARRANT (CD) Pat Mitchell 4-7-13 ... – 15
26 3400 RECORD WING (D) D H Jones 5-7-12 ...A Barclay 2
27 0311 MONCLARE TROPHY (D) A Pitt 4-7-12 ...R Fox 4
28 2300 THAT'S INCREDIBLE Pat Mitchell 3-7-10 ... – 3
33 0031 CHENO (D) R Akehurst 4-7-7 ... – 13
34 4210 MERRY TOM A Bailey 3-7-7 ... – 11
36 -0003 OUR BIRTHDAY (DB) C Benstead 7-7-7 ... – 10

11-4 Woodcote, 5 Epetios, Worlingfoot, 13-2 Profit Warrant, 7 Onessilos, 10 Monclare Trophy, We'll Meet Again, 16 others.

2.15 PHANTOM STAKES (selling: £1,368: 2m) (18)

3 0000 CHEUNG SING Pat Mitchell 4-9-0 ...T Rogers 14
4 300-0 DUKE'S HEIR W Musson 4-9-0 ...B Raymond 3
5 0/00- LE LEVADOR Mrs R Lomax 4-9-0 ...W Newnes 8
6 0006/ PINOLA – 4-9-0 ... – 11
7 00 RIBU DANCER J Long 4-9-0 ...R McGhin 17
8 -0000 WAR AND PEACE D Mills 4-9-0 ...M Kettle 4
10 CHASE THE LADY A Moore 4-8-11 ...B Rouse 1
11 0060 CHELSEA MAID D Laing 4-8-11 ...R Curant 6
12 0002 NOT SO DEAR A Davison 4-8-11 ... – 7
13 -0040 SINGING TROOPER A Andrews 4-8-11 ... – 18
14 000 DAVID HENRY'S M Usher 3-8-2 ...P Waldron 10
16 0000 LEAVE IT TO BALLY (B) M McCormack 3-8-2 ...J Reid 16
18 0000 CIDER WITH KATHY C Wildman 3-7-13 ...R Hills 3 2
19 0-00 IRISH CORN P Burgoyne 3-7-13 ...R Street 13
21 1102 MIDNIGHT MOUSE (C) P Cole 3-7-13 ...T Quinn 5 5
22 0 MOSSY BELL R Holder 3-7-13 ... – 12
23 -0040 PROUDEST DIANA (B) I Walker 3-7-13 ... – 9
24 4002 SOLITAIRE C Thornton 3-7-13 ... – 15

2 Midnight Mouse, 100-30 Solitaire, 11-2 Proudest Diana, 13-2 Duke's Heir, 12 Not So Dear, 16 others.

2.45 NOTRE DAME HANDICAP (2-y-o: £4,734: 6f) (6)

3 1140 FUN GALORE (CD) R Akehurst 9-7 ... – 5
4 2111 SALLY CHASE (CD) A Jarvis 9-7 (7 ex) ...T Jarvis 6 3
7 31 ALGHUZAYLAH Thomson Jones 9-2 ...T Rogers 1
8 0104 SON OF KANDY (DB) D Elsworth 9-0 ...B Rouse 2
10 4014 SPECTACULAR BEAUTY G Lewis 8-12 ...P Waldron 4
16 0034 ZARKOS B Hobbs 8-6 ...J Reid 6

7-4 Alghuzaylah, 3 Sally Chase, 11-2 Son Of Kandy, 10 Fun Galore, Spectacular Beauty, Zarkos.

3.15 K F BUTLER WINES STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o maiden fillies: £3,169: 7f 140yd) (20)

8 0000 BRIGHT CAMELLIA R Armstrong 8-11 ...G Sexton 12
11 00 CHATTER R Houghton 8-11 ...J Reid 15
13 CORAL HEIGHTS C Brittain 8-11 ...P Robinson 18
17 DASH P Felden 8-11 ...R Fox 4
21 ELKIE BROOKS D H Jones 8-11 ...A Barclay 13
22 3 ESTUARY J Winter 8-11 ...J Reid 17
24 GAZELLE D'OR R Smyth 8-11 ...G Ramshaw 9
26 0 HARTS DESIRE D Arbuthnot 8-11 ...T Quinn 5 1
30 030 HONEY M Jarvis 8-11 ...B Raymond 2
38 0 JUVITA Thomson Jones 8-11 ...R Hills 3 3
41 KINBARRA J Dunlop 8-11 ...N Dawe 5 16
44 00 LEGALLY BINDING P Haynes 8-11 ...R McGhin 6
51 MISS HAMILTON Pat Mitchell 8-11 ...T Rogers 8
53 0030 MISTY ROCKET (B) D Elsworth 8-11 ...J Matthias 11
58 NANGA PARBAT J Dunlop 8-11 ...D Maitland 20
60 NIGEL'S ANGEL A Bailey 8-11 ... – 5
61 OUR SHIRLEY G Lewis 8-11 ...P Waldron 19
65 03 RISK ALL J Dunlop 8-11 ...B Rouse 10
67 00 SAADA M Haynes 8-11 ... – 7
69 000 SHAKA LASS A Ingham 8-11 ...G Ramshaw 14

15-8 Risk All, 100-30 Juvita, 5 Honey, 8 Kinbarra, 10 Nanga Parbat, 12 Misty Rocket, 14 others.

3.45 TIMELY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,113: 7f 140yd) (24)

1 0110 CHANTRY G Harwood 9-7 ...A Clark 3
4 2300 STAR OF IRELAND A Jarvis 9-5 ... – 12
5 0030 PLIANT C Horgan 9-4 ...B Rouse 15
9 4100 GOLDEN DECOY (C) D Tucker 9-1 ...A Dicks 7 13
10 2-400 SHELDAN S Mellor 9-0 ...M Wigham 20
12 0000 HAWK LADY Mrs R Lomax 8-13 ...W Newnes 9
14 0140 JOYFUL DANCER (CD) P Cole 8-10 ...T Quinn 5 21
15 0300 SPANISH BOLD M Ryan 8-9 ...P Robinson 19
16 0320 BETHSITA K C-Brown 8-9 ... – 4
17 3210 TRUMPS B Swift 8-8 ...R Fox 8
18 1-100 INCARNADINE P Makin 8-7 ...B Raymond 17
20 0300 ADMIRAL STEVE (B) R Hannon 8-5 ...R Wernham 23
21 0400 TROUBADOUR (B) W Wightman 8-4 ... – 7
23 0300 MARTHA SPANKS C Benstead 8-0 ... – 18
25 -0000 KIMBLE GIRL W Musson 7-12 ...R Curant 10
26 2000 DRUM MAKER (B) N Vigors 7-11 ...S Dawson 5 14
27 0000 LADY CAROL C Benstead 7-10 ...R Street 24
28 0004 NICK NICK D Dale 7-9 ... – 1
29 000 DIGNIFIED AIR K Brassey 7-9 ... – 2
31 0003 FREEBIO M Haynes 7-7 ... – 22
32 0-000 BENJEYA J O'Donoghue 7-7 ...D Maitland 18
33 4020 BE MY LADY G Lewis 7-7 ...R Still 6
34 000 FLATTERY'S CAP Peter Taylor 7-7 ...I Jenkinson 11
36 0080 AMIGO ALEGRO (B) Pat Mitchell 7-7 ...G Dickie 5

5 Chantry, 6 Trumps, 13-2 Joyful Dancer, 7 Star Of Ireland, 8 Spanish Bold, 10 Golden Decoy, Bethsita, Pliant, 12 Incarnadine, Sheldan, 16 others.

4.15 MAD MONK STAKES (2-y-o: £2,533: 6f) (26)

3 2311 NEW DIMENSION (D) G Harwood 8-13 ...A Clark 8
4 2311 PREOBRAJENSKA (D) R Armstrong 8-13 ...P Robinson 1
6 00 AMORE BELLO Pat Mitchell 8-11 ...T Rogers 19
10 030 BRILLIANT CUT A Jarvis 8-11 ...R Fox 23
13 00 DEANSCROFT STAR A Pitt 8-11 ... – 11
17 FYEDD C Benstead 8-11 ... – 5
18 00 HAUTES TERRES A Moore 8-11 ... – 7
20 000 IMPERIAL IMPORT (B) C Horgan 8-11 ...R Hills 3 12
22 6 LINGA LONGA N Vigors 8-11 ...J Reid 15
23 LINTON VILLAGE J O'Donoghue 8-11 ...G Ramshaw 18
24 00 MISTER MERLIN J Sutcliffe 8-11 ...R Curant 10
25 00 NEARDOWN BOY C Horgan 8-11 ...B Rouse 3
27 NOTTA POPSI M Haynes 8-11 ... – 25
30 00 PROMISED ISLE J Dunlop 8-11 ...J Matthias 22
31 0 QUICK FLING D Laing 8-11 ...W Newnes 17
34 00 SUPER TRIP G Hunter 8-11 ...DOUBTFUL 6
35 0200 THA (B) M Jarvis 8-11 ...B Raymond 26
37 WESTERN DANCER C Horgan 8-11 ...R Fox 16
39 00 ASCOT BELLE D Hanley 8-8 ...R Street 20
41 00 DARING DISPLAY G Hunter 8-8 ...P Waldron 21
42 00 FORMIDO C Benstead 8-8 ...D Pugh 9
43 0 GLEN NA SMOLE J Sutcliffe 8-8 ...G Sexton 14
46 00 MOUNTAIN BEAR J Dunlop 8-8 ...N Dawe 5 13
51 0000 SIOUX PRINCESS Peter Taylor 8-8 ...J H Brown 5 24
52 0 THIEVES HOLLOW G Balding 8-8 ...W Higgins 4
53 0000 WOLVER PLUME Peter Taylor 8-8 ...B Jago 2

11-4 New Dimension, 7-2 Preobrajenska, 5 Promised Isle, 13-2 Daring Display, 12 Tha, Brilliant Cut, 14 others.

4.45 K F BUTLER WINES STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o maiden fillies: £3,169: 7f 140yd) (20)

1 0 ANNIE OKE Peter Taylor 8-11 ...B Jago 9
2 0 ARISTA A Jarvis 8-11 ...R Curant 8
8 0 CELERITAS A Pitt 8-11 ... – 7
14 00 CORSTON VELVET J Winter 8-11 ...P Waldron 6
15 00 DAME CAROLINE M Blanshard 8-11 ...R Fox 15
19 0 DUSTY LETTER G Wragg 8-11 ...J Reid 11
25 240 GHANAYEM D Laing 8-11 ...W Newnes 1
33 IN FORM M Prescott 8-11 ...C Nutter 17
35 0 IRISH SEA I Balding 8-11 ...J Matthias 20
36 JEWEL CHEST J Dunlop 8-11 ...B Rouse 4
39 0 KATIES M Ryan 8-11 ...P Robinson 19
56 0000 MY CHERIE R Voorspuy 8-11 ...R Still 12
62 PARK PARADE J Dunlop 8-11 ...B Raymond 18
64 RIABOUCHINSKA C Brittain 8-11 ... – 10
70 000 SICAMBRE PRINCESS P Mitchell 8-11 ...R McGhin 2
81 TAIGA G Harwood 8-11 ...A Clark 14
83 000 TENTRACO LADY D H Jones 8-11 ...A Barclay 3
84 VELVET EXPRESS P Cole 8-11 ...T Quinn 5 13
85 00 VENTIMIGLIA J Sutcliffe 8-11 ...G Sexton 5
86 0000 VICEROY LASS R Hannon 8-11 ...R Wernham 16

100-30 Taiga, 4 Jewel Chest, 11-2 Katies, 6 Dusty Letter, 10 Arista, 12 Corston Velvet, 14 Irish Sea, 20 others.

5.15 K F BUTLER WINES STAKES (Div III: 2-y-o maiden fillies: £3,169: 7f 140yd) (19)

5 BORUSHKA R Houghton 8-11 ...J Reid 10
9 0332 CHANNEL AFFAIR P Cole 8-11 ...T Quinn 5 4
10 0 CHARIOTS OF FIRE G Kindersley 8-11 ...R Hills 3 11
18 4000 DONNA SIRENA D Laing 8-11 ...W Newnes 1
28 000 HAZEL COVE M Blanshard 8-11 ...G Sexton 18
31 0 HOTEL DE VILLE I Balding 8-11 ...J Matthias 3
32 I HAD A DREAM R Beasley 8-11 ...B Jago 19
34 00 INTO THE FIRE D Elsworth 8-11 ...R Fox 8
40 KIMBERLEY MINE J Dunlop 8-11 ...B Raymond 5
43 00 LAVINIA'S PET Pat Mitchell 8-11 ...T Rogers 7
47 00 MADAME DE COOMBE C Horgan 8-11 ...B Rouse 15
49 0000 MARRONESSE R Voorspuy 8-11 ...R Still 12
50 MIAMI DANCER D A Wilson 8-11 ...M Kettle 16
59 NEWELLA A Ingham 8-11 ...G Ramshaw 14
63 000 PRIORS DREAM K Brassey 8-11 ... – 2
68 0 SARAH'S JOY R Holder 8-11 ...R Curant 6
74 0003 SOUTHERN DYNASTY P Mitchell 8-11 ...R McGhin 9
78 000 STORMY KESTREL Mrs R Lomax 8-11 ... – 17
87 WELSH EVE J Dunlop 8-11 ...N Dawe 5 19

3 Channel Affair, 7-2 Welsh Eve, 4 Southern Dynasty, 6 Borushka, 8 Hotel de Ville, 12 Kimberley Mine, 16 others.

Catterick Bridge

Draw: Low numbers best

2.30 ZETLAND STAKES (£828: 1m 7f 180yd) (16 runners)

1 00/ FRENCH ART N Bycroft 11-9-5 ...M Richardson 7 13
5 00/04 TUGBOAT (B) P Mitchell 4-9-5 ...G Duffield 10
6 WYE LEA J Edwards 4-9-5 ...K Hodgson 2
8 30-01 SWALEDALE M Stoute 3-9-3 ...A Kimberley 5
9 0001 WINGS OF THE MORN J Dunlop 3-9-3 ...M Birch 7
13 0 VINO FESTA J Parkes 4-9-2 ...Lynn Whitten 7 16
14 0130 LOYAL SUBJECT (CD) W Elsey 3-9-0 ...C Dwyer 3
15 00-00 APPLE ORCHARD P Rohan 3-8-10 ...M Wood 1
16 0000 BISHOP'S ROYAL A Potts 3-8-10 ...T Potts 7 8
17 0000 CHEKRKA C Gray 3-8-10 ...N Connorton 14
18 0400 CONSCRIPTION J Leigh 3-8-10 ...S Perks 6
24 3092 SHUTLAR'S FLING I Walker 3-8-10 ...P Colquhoun 12
29 0200 ASTONISHING F Durr 3-8-7 ...A Weiss 7 15
32 00 JULIETTE C Thornton 3-8-7 ...J Bleasdale 4
33 0404 MILLIE GREY T Barron 3-8-7 ...M Fry 3 9
34 4323 QUICKENING DAWN J Hindley 3-8-7 ...B Taylor 11

5-2 Swaledale, 100-30 Wings Of The Morn, 5 Quickening Dawn, 6 Tugboat, 8 Astonishing, 10 Shutlar's Fling, 12 Loyal Subject, 14 others.

3.0 HORNBY CASTLE STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: selling: £1,097: 5f) (15)

2 4000 CASBAR KID (B) S Matthews 8-11 ...J Johnson 3
3 000 COOKS FLANAGAN P Burgoyne 8-11 ...A Bond 15
5 4404 FAIRMILE GAMBLER J Berry 8-11 ...S Morris 3 9
6 3000 FRED A Bailey 8-11 ... – 7
8 00 JOHNNY ZERO (B) E Alston 8-11 ...P D'Arcy 8
19 4000 FLEUR-DE-CHINOISE (B) A Balding 8-8 ...J Balding 11
21 0010 FULL OF RUM (D) I Walker 8-8 ...P Colquhoun 10
22 0000 HAMBLETON LADY E Carr 8-8 ...L Charnock 13
23 0000 LADY NEEPH J Spearing 8-8 ...D Nicholls 6
27 0030 MAREEMA D Thom 8-8 ... – 2
30 000 MISS STANFORD J Etherington 8-8 ...M Wood 5
33 0440 PAPIER MACHE J Wilson 8-8 ...K Darley 4
37 0000 SHOWTIME R Whitaker 8-8 ...W Ryan 5 1
39 4000 SPRING-ANN (CD) W H Williams 8-8 ...C Dwyer 12
40 0200 TRENGALE (B) M Camacho 8-8 ...M Birch 14

3 Full Of Rum, 4 Papier Mache, 5 Fairmile Gambler, 6 Casbar Kid, 7 Fred, 8 Spring-Ann, 10 Mareema, 12 others.

3.30 BRETTANBY HANDICAP (£1,176: 1m 5f 180yd) (16)

1 0221 TANCRED WALK Miss S Hall 4-9-10 ...M Birch 14
2 3003 HOLMBURY G Huffer 3-9-9 ...W Morris 7 3
5 3110 HASTY GODDESS (C) W A Stephenson 4-9-2 (4 ex) ...E Guest 5 12
6 0033 PEARLPIN R Whitaker 3-9-0 ...S Perks 7
7 41/00- PITTENCRIEFF (CD) E Weymes 8-8-13 ...D Nicholls 6
8 2030 SAUSAGE D Morley 3-8-12 ...G Duffield 15
9 0402 SLATE J Dunlop 4-8-11 ...B Taylor 8
10 00-12 HARRY HASTINGS J S Wilson 4-8-11 ...C Dwyer 1
11 0000 STEADY THE BUFFS J Old 4-8-9 ...S Keightley 7 16
12 0000 SYNCOPATE (B) D Yeoman 7-8-6 ... – 2
13 0140 BLUE BREEZE (B) S Norton 3-8-6 ...C Ollivier 5 5
14 004/1 BAVAL (C) D Yeoman 5-8-6 ... – 13
15 0-000 WORTH AVENUE I Walker 7-8-5 ...P Colquhoun 4
18 2001 IVY THORNE A Hide 4-8-4 ...A Kimberley 9
19 3332 STATE BALL W Elsey 3-8-2 ...L Charnock 11
20 0210 ANNIVERSARY TOKEN J Wilson 3-8-0 ...K Darley 10

5 Slate, 11-2 Tancred Walk, 6 Harry Hastings, 7 Ivy Thorne, 8 State Ball, Baval, 10 Holmbury, 12 Hasty Goddess, Sausage, 16 others.

4.0 ILKLEY STAKES (2-y-o: fillies: £828: 7f) (10)

2 3301 FILL THE JUG T Fairhurst 8-13 ...C Coates 7 1
3 00 ARGUING M Stoute 8-8 ...A Kimberley 5
4 0243 BLUE BROCADE J Hindley 8-8 ...B Taylor 8
6 0 CATS E Weymes 8-8 ...K Hodgson 10
9 0200 EXACTLY LIKE YOU F Durr 8-8 ...A Weiss 7 9
14 000 IOKASTI J Dunlop 8-8 ...M Birch 3
16 0 JAVA JIVE P Mitchell 8-8 ...Paul Eddery 2
26 SOOSJOY M Prescott 8-8 ...G Duffield 7
29 00 TOPSIOLA R Hollinshead 8-8 ...S Perks 4
30 00 WOA S Norton 8-8 ...C Ollivier 5 6

11-4 Exactly Like You, 3 Arguing, 4 Blue Brocade, 6 Iokasti, 8 Fill The Jug, 10 Soosjoy, 12 others.

4.30 MOULTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,138: 7f) (19)

1 0020 SWINGING COWBOY (B) S Norton 9-7 ...C Ollivier 5 12
2 0320 MOLOKAI (D) J Hindley 9-7 ...B Taylor 2
3 0210 RIVER MAIDEN (D) J Dunlop 9-3 ...M Birch 10
4 0400 CHIKALA (B) Miss S Hall 9-2 ...J Bleasdale 3
5 0000 DON'T ANNOY ME R Whitaker 9-2 ... – 5
6 4000 MING VILLAGE R Armstrong 9-2 ...P Tulk 7
7 4100 THROW ME OVER (CD) R Whitaker 9-2 ...S Perks 4
8 2002 ELMDON J Winter 9-1 ...G Duffield 14
11 3100 STEPHALOTUS T Fairhurst 8-11 ...C Coates 7 18
13 04-00 SENTRY MAN (B) L Lightbrown 8-8 ...A Proud 13
14 0400 ANCAT M W Easterby 8-7 ...K Darley 11
15 00-00 MADAM IMPORT T Barron 8-5 ...D Nicholls 19
16 -0020 RELY ON GUY (D) R Hollinshead 8-5 ...W Ryan 5 15
17 030 IRISH CAVALIER D Morrill 8-3 ...P D'Arcy 1
22 0020 MELOWEN D Plant 7-11 ...M Fry 3 8
24 0000 HOPEFUL WATERS J Spearing 7-10 ... – 6
26 0000 ARRAS LASS A Smith 7-7 ...L Charnock 18
27 0-013 TORONTO STAR A Potts 7-7 ...A Nesbitt 3 9
28 0044 DAME PEGGY (B) J Old 7-7 ...N Carlisle 17

9-4 Rely On Guy, 4 River Maiden, 5 Swinging Cowboy, 6 Elmdon, 8 Molokai, 10 Stephalotus, 12 Ming Village, 14 others.

5.0 HORNBY CASTLE STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: selling: £1,097: 5f) (14)

1 000 ABE MY BOY A Balding 8-11 ...J Balding 13
9 0000 KALACHANCE A Smith 8-11 ...M Birch 12
12 0000 SUPPER BEES J Berry 8-11 ...S Horsfall 5 9
13 WINDY RED D Plant 8-11 ... – 10
14 4024 ALL SECRET J Hardy 8-8 ...N Carlisle 7
15 0000 BELLAURA E Eldin 8-8 ...A Bond 4
20 3002 FREE LIGHT LASER J Gilbert 8-8 ... – 3
25 3004 LAURA'S CHOICE N Bycroft 8-8 ...S Perks 6
26 330 LYSITHEA M Prescott 8-8 ...G Duffield 11
31 020 MOMMETS LASS P Cole 8-8 ... – 2
32 00 OUR-MARY-ROSE G Harman 8-8 ...G Oldroyd 14
34 0000 RETURN-TO-JALNA E Alston 8-8 ...S Morris 3 5
35 0000 RIO BRANCO (B) R Stubbs 8-8 ...D Nicholls 8
38 2333 SINGLE PORTION (D) M Pipe 8-8 ... – 1

2 Mommets Lass, 7-2 Lysithea, 5 Single Portion, 6 All Secret, 8 Laura's Choice, 10 Free Light Laser, 12 others.

5.30 CRAVEN STAKES (Apprentices: £832: 1m 4f 40yd) (9)

4 0044 CASANNA A Hide 4-8-11 ...K Williams 1
5 0040 CHANNING GIRL M McCormack 4-8-11 ...S Dennison 2
6 02-00 DANCING NYMPH J Fitzgerald 4-8-11 ...R Brown 8
12 0000 BIRDSEDGE S Norton 3-8-6 ...G Brown 4
18 4133 REALISTIC G Harwood 3-8-6 ...G Landau 7
19 00-0 RUCKLEY P Rohan 3-8-6 ...B McGill 7 3
20 0030 SEA REPPIN J Leigh 3-8-6 ...A Watkins 6
28 2130 PINE RIDGE M Stoute 3-8-3 ... – 5
29 00 SWEET COLLEEN M W Easterby 3-8-3 ...S Donkin 9

Evens Realistic, 7-4 Pine Ridge, 8 Casanna, 10 Sea Reppin, 14 Sweet Colleen, 16 others.

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2.0 LUDFORD HURDLE (selling handicap: £649: 2m) (23 runners)

3 0P-0 Sloane Street 6-11-7 ...M Pepper 4
4 041- Bedlam Hill 9-11-6 ...D Dutton
5 00-4 Simbeau 6-11-3 ...N Hammond 4
6 100 Hartfield Lad 4-11-3 ...S Johnson
8 134 Emperor Napoleon 6-10-13 ... –
9 2P-F Snap Tin 5-10-12 ...A Brown
10 040 Grangehill 8-10-11 ... –
11 00-0 Carry On Again (B) 5-10-11 ...J Barlow
14 0/00- High Steward 10-10-9 ...P Dever 7
15 240 Brigadier Green 6-10-8 ...J A Harris
16 41-0 My Danny Boy 6-10-5 C Richmond 7
18 040- Proclaimer 5-10-5 ...L War 7
19 030/ Firebourg (B) 8-10-5 ...R Crank
21 03-0 Punta Brava 9-10-3 ...P Farrell 7
23 0 On Sight ...Mrs J Owen
24 4P4 Florence 7-10-2 ... –
26 023 Intersport 8-10-2 ...S Morshead
31 F-03 Marnie's Girl (B) 4-10-0 ...S Smith Eccles
32 00-0 Mosquito River 6-10-0 ...G W Gray 4
33 0-20 Getting Warmer 7-10-0 ...S J O'Neill
34 P00 St Petrock (B) 9-10-0 ...S McDonald 7
36 000- Julie Simone 8-10-0 Susan Kersey 7
37 000 Call-Me-Moriais 10-10-0 ...Mr P Avery

3 Intersport, 4 Bedlam Hill, 6 Emperor Napoleon, Hartfield Lad.

2.30 LANGWORTH HURDLE (3-y-o: novices: £1,145: 2m) (18)

1 12 Cast A Shadow 11-7 ...S Charlton
4 21 Asia Minor 11-3 ...S Smith Eccles
7 11 Jennie Pat 11-1 ...J Hansen
8 Busorm 11-0 ...Mr T Easterby
10 4 Nypus 11-0 ...P Barton
14 Eric's Wish 10-10 ...R Crank
16 Go To Sleep 10-10 ... –
17 Le Baron Rouge 10-10 .C Mcilfatrick 7
18 0 Lincion Art 10-10 ...J Harris
20 Monsanto Lad 10-10 ...A Brown
21 Petworth 10-10 ...D Oldham
27 Vivre Pour Vivre 10-10 ...K Burke 7
29 0 English Muffin 10-5 ...N Tinkler
31 Lenton Palace 10-5 ...S J O'Neill
32 00 Midweek Special 10-5 ...C Pimlott
33 Moonlighting 10-5 ...J J O'Neill
34 Parisienne Lark 10-5 ...P Scudamore
35 Village Lady 10-5 ...D Mullarkey

7-4 Asia Minor, 11-4 Cast A Shadow, 9-2 Jennie Pat, 6 Busorm.

3.0 LEGSBY CHASE (handicap: £2,089: 2m 5f) (6)

2 20U- The Lady's Master 12-12-1 ...N Madden
3 F20- The Mighty Mac 8-12-1 Mr D Browne
4 1-01 Gambling Prince 10-11-7 ...J Burke
7 11F- Medway Gauntlet 8-10-5 M Brennan
8 3F1- Iden Green 8-10-0 ...M Perrett
9 14F Operau 8-10-0 ...P Scudamore

4-6 The Mighty Mac, 7-2 Gambling Prince, 6 The Lady's Master, 12 Medway Gauntlet.

3.30 'JACK WHITE' CHASE (amateurs: novices: £1,680: 3m) (14)

1 211 Lightning Brigade 10-12-5 ...O Vaughan-Jones 7

Newmarket results

Going: Good

1.45 CHESTERTON STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £4,998: 1m)

BOB BACK br c By Roberto-Toter Back – (A Balzarini) 9 0 ...B Raymond (8-1) 1
Commanche Run ...R Guest (9-2) 2
Falstaff ...W R Swinburn (5-2 fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £11.90. Places: £2.60, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £20.40. CSF: £45.25. M Jarvis at Newmarket 1l, 3l, 4l. Cataldi (12-1) 4th. 28 ran. 1m 39.52sec.

2.15 BUCKENHAM (2-y-o: selling: £3,262: 6f)

PARVENO ch c by Abwah-Lichen Lady – (A Wade) 9.2 ...B Jago (33-1) 1
Araminta Mavis ...S Cathen (10) 2
Craig Stewart ...J Mercer 3

TOTE: Win: £27.20. Places: £5.90, £4.00, £1.80. DF: £275.90. CSF: £321.22 R Hoad at Lewes. 1½l, sh. hd. Shades of Blue (10-1) 4th. 22 ran 1m 13.9sec. Nr: Decoy Duck, Bought in 13,000 gns.

2.45 GRAHAM FORD HANDICAP (2-y-o: £4,331 6f)

MEEKA CH C by the Quick-Lockleaf – (Mrs S Brook) 9 0 T Ives (9-2) 1
Mouk Boy ...Pat Eddery (13-2) 2
Ideal Home ...M Birch (11-4 Fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.70. Places: £2.70, £1.20, £2.00. DF: £9.60. CSF: £32.46. Tricast: £88.46. S Norton at Barnsley. 3l, 2l. Scarlet O'Harlot (12-1) 4th. 13 ran. 1m 13.57sec. Nr: Wolves Plumo.

3.15 BISQUIT COGNAC CHALLENGE STAKES (Group III: £21,320: 7f)

SALIERI ch c by Accipiter – Hogan's Sister (C St George) 3-9-2 ...L Piggott (13-8 fav) 1
Noalcoholic ...G Duffield (5-2) 2
Sandhurst Prince ...G Starkey (8-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £2.50. Places: £1.10, £1.40, £2.50. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5.57. H Cecil at Newmarket. 2l, 1l. Rare Roberta (14-1) 4th. 10 ran. 1m 24.3sec.

3.45 FORDHAM HANDICAP (£5,150: 7f)

WIKI WIKI WHEELS ch c by Import – Falcrello (P Savill) 3-9-3 ...Pat Eddery (7-1) 1
Worlingworth ...M Hills (11-1) 2
Anstruther ...G Baxter (10-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £4.20. Places: £1.70, £1.50, £3.80, £9.70. DF: £39.80. CSF: £77.44. Tricast: £714.90. C Nelson at Lambourn. 2l, ½l. Jade Ring (9-2 fav). Top O'th'Lane (33-1) 4th. 1m 26.09sec. NR: Minmax.

4.20 PARK PADDOCKS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £4,045: 1m 6f)

STATESMANSHIP b c by Quadratic – Ocracoke (A Ward) 5-3 ...G Starkey (7-1) 1
Norfolk Serenade ...J Reid (16-1) 2
Clearly Bust ...G Duffield (14-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £7.60. Places: £1.80, £5.80, £3.50. DF: £123.90. CSF: £97.01. Tricast: £1,373.11. G Harwood at Pulborough. 2l, 2l. Hi Love (4-1 fav). Paris North (11-2) 4th. 12 ran. 3m 02.48sec.

4.50 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE CUP (2y-o: 7f)

BONNE ILE b f by Ile de Bourbon – Good Lass (A Budgett) 8-11 ...G Baxter (13-8 fav) 1
Arbitrage ...E Hide (13-2) 2
Vieille Femme ...S Cauthen (11-4) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.20. DF: £7.90. B Hobbs at Newmarket ½l, 2½l. Al Mundhir (5-2) 4th. 4 ran. 1m 29.81sec.
Tote Double: £22.70, £58.30.
JACKPOT NOT WON.
PLACEPOT: £325.00.

Haydock Park

Going: soft with heavy patches.

2.0 SYCAMORE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,182: 6f)

SPLIT ACES b c by Vigors – Primeapple (O Berry) 8-11 ...M Miller (7-1) 1
Goldliner Beaus ...P Robinson (9-1) 2
Arahab ...J Seagrave (11-2 fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £8.10. Places: £1.70, £2.70, £2.00. DF: £38.80. CSF: £71.94. P Brookshaw at Melton Mowbray. 2½l, sh hd. Video Boom (13-2) 4th. 20 ran. 1min 18.01sec. Winner bought in for 1,650gns.

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GOLF: RYDER CUP

Europeans have faith and hope but get no charity

From Mitchell Platts, Palm Beach

Let us get one thing clear from the start. If there is hope in the European camp and faith in their ability, there will be no charity from the Americans when the 25th Ryder Cup begins here today. In sport winning is the name of the game. So even as Jack Nicklaus, the United States captain, expressed his views regarding e goodwill of the biennial encounter, it was still abundantly clear that no quarter would be given. "I want my team to play awfully hard and they will", he said.

Back in 1969 Nicklaus conceded Tony Jacklin, now the captain of the European team, a three foot putt, much to the astonishment of the spectators surrounding the last green at Royal Birkdale. That act of generosity left the match all square for the first time in its history. Since then there have been no favours, no reason to rejoice. The United States remain unbeaten since Lindrick in 1957 and indeed they have never lost on home soil.

If Europe are to surprise the American nation, as Australia succeeded in doing in the America's Cup, then initially they must pass an examination of their nerves on the first tee of the Champion course at the PGA National golf club this morning. It is all very well trembling with emotion when the flag raising ceremony takes place; it is no good trembling with anticipation when the first shot has to be struck. And, make no mistake, the butterflies will be fluttering.

Jacklin recalls his own debut as a player in 1967 at Houston in Texas. "I was 22-years-old and pretty full of myself," he says. "But when I stepped on the tee the enormity of the situation came home. I snap-hooked the drive, fast and left."

The last two Ryder cups in the United States have been won or lost, depending upon which side of the Atlantic you reside, before the first morning was over. At Laurel Valley, Pennsylvania, in 1975, the United States won each of the four opening foursomes. Four years later at The Greenbrier in West Virginia, they earned three points out of four. The world aristocrats of golf cannot be given such a start.

To succeed this time, Jacklin has no intention to run his team into the ground or, as he says, to "start World War three". The legendary J H Taylor had his team on the beaches of Southport every morning in 1933, striving for peak fitness.

On weight of appearances the European team is marginally more experienced. Their 12 men have played in a cumulative total of 18 Ryder Cups, although that figure owes much to the fact that Bernard Gallacher has played in the last seven matches, compared to the United States' total of 13. There are four newcomers in the United States team and five among their opponents.

More importantly, perhaps, every player assembled here, with the exception of Tom Watson, was unfamiliar with the course prior to practising. The Champion course, protected by more than 100 bunkers and a variety of water hazards, is playing to its full 7137 yards, the legacy of recent rains, and the greens are not frighteningly fast as at many venues in this country.

Whether the elegant golden chalice, which Samuel Ryder, the seed merchant, commissioned for the first match in 1927, is to return with the European team is a matter of conjecture. But it is a lovely thought that it might be resting in the trophy cupboard at the APGA headquarters at The Belfry from Monday for the next two years. A lovely thought but ...

Order of events: Friday morning: Four foursomes. Afternoon: Four four balls. Saturday: Morning: Four four balls. Afternoon: Four foursomes. Sunday: 12 singles.

● Bernard Gallacher, the most experienced player in this year's competition, will be partnered by Sandy Lyle in the first match against Tom Watson and Ben Crenshaw of the United States.

Paul Way, one of four newcomers in the European team, is the only debutant to be selected for the opening foursomes. He will partner Severiano Ballesteros against Tom Kite and Calvin Peete.

Foursomes parings (European names first): B Gallacher and S Lyle v T Watson and B Crenshaw; N Faldo and B Langer v L Wadkins and C Stadler; S Ballesteros and P Way v T Kite and C Peete; J Canizares and S Torrance v R Floyd and B Gilder.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	369	4	10	412	4
2	417	4	11	577	5
3	539	5	12	428	4
4	187	3	13	393	4
5	423	4	14	452	4
6	492	5	15	167	3
7	227	3	16	443	4
8	432	4	17	191	3
9	410	4	18	578	5
Out	3,496	36	In	3,641	36

Mrs Birtwistle wins first title at 50

By Lewine Mair

Margaret Birtwhistle, aged 50 and playing in the event for a first time, yesterday won the Senior Ladies British Open amateur strokeplay championship at Troon, Portland. Her two-round aggregate of 167 took in a second round 79, the only score below 80 in the championship. Prudence Riddiford, of Royal Ashdown Forest, was second on 173, with Kathryn Ball, of Dean Wood, third on 175.

The overall scoring in this event was understandably high as the links course is decidedly difficult at this time of year. Most people would see a sheltered course in midsummer as the ideal venue for a seniour's championship, but the LGU maybe have their reasons for toughening the over-50s.

Indeed, Maureen Garrett, the LGU's president, reported proudly how, at the same time as the ladies were playing on Wednesday, the men of Old Troon had thought the wind bad enough to cancel their monthly medal. Mrs Birtwistle, who did not start golf until she was 30, broke two course records earlier this year to bring her handicap down to two. Yesterday she opened and closed with a birdie and has a lovely touch on and around the greens throughout the 18 holes. All or which was very different from the first day when she simply could not judge the weight of her putts.

She has played for Lancashire for 10 years but this British title represents her first tournament win.

Mrs Birtwistle's Pleasington clubmate, Brenda King, who had held the halfway lead, followed her opening 85 with a 95. Mrs King was very much more conscious of the wind than on the first day and it was not too long begfore she fell out with her fairway woods.

SCORES: 167: M Birtwistle (Pleasington) 88, 79. 173: P Riddiford (Royal Ashdown Forest) 89, 84. 175: K Ball (Dean Wood) 91, 84. 176: S Hyde (Northcliffe) 91, 85. 177: J Wildnson (St Neots) 90, 87. 178: C Reid (Irvine) 92, 86; A van der Ploeg (Neth) 90, 88.

Holders defend Worplesdon title

By Nicholas Keith

There is a stong field for the Worplesdon mixed foursomes which start today. Beverley New and Keith Dobson are defending *their title and will again be warm* favourites.

Last year Miss New, who has a handicap of plus two and has tasted victory playing as an amateur on the professional circuit, and Dobson, who is 19, beat Jimmy Tarbuck and Sandy Cohen in the final. Now Tarbuck, a comedian who takes his golf seriously, has reduced his handicap by two, to three, and will be anxious to take the title with Miss Cohen, his club colleague from Coombe Hill.

Among the former winners are *Mrs Jill Nicholson and Nigel Stern* (1981). Stern is the current Worplesdon club captain and he and his Scottish international partner lost in the semi-final to the eventual winners last year. Linda Bayman, the English women's champion, again partners Ian Boyd, with whom she won this event in 1980. The brother and sister team of Janet and Stuart Melville, who triumphed in 1979, are also in the field, but such is the strength of the entry that they are unseeded.

As always the winning partnership will look to the contribution of the woman. The chief threats to Miss New and Dobson may come from Kitrina Douglas, who plays off plus one, and Thomas, or the experienced Reg Glading and Mrs Sue Briley, who have won twice before. On a nostalgic note, David Frame is reunited with Madame Segard, with whom he won in 1962, when she was the Vicomtesse de St Sauveur.

MOTOR RACING



Tambay: fastest in practice

The wheel of French fortunes

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

Patrick Tambay, the 34-year-old French driver who has been given his marching orders by Farrari, recorded the fastest time in the first official practice yesterday for the South African Grand Prix which will decide the World Championship.

He gave notice that he expects to go even faster during today's final practice and that he will go all out to win tomorrow's race – leaving Ferrari wondering whether the decision to sack him was the right one.

Tambay lapped the Kyalami circuit near here in a record time of *one min 6.554sec and average speed* of 221.991 kilometres an hour. Second fastest in 1min 6.792sec was Nelson Piquet of Brazil in a Brabham-BMW, followed by Alain Prost of France (Renault) and Rene Arnoux in the Ferrari.

Prost heads the championship table with 55 point, two ahead of Piquet, with Arnoux on 49. But Tambay made it clear yesterday he has no intention of helping Arnoux win the race and the title.

It was a bad day yesterday for Arnoux. He blew the engine of his Ferrari midway through the practice session and then marshalls sent to help him managed to push the 600 kilogram car over his foot.

He limped despondently back to the pits and although it appears there are no broken bones the foot is badly bruised and he will need treatment before he can go out on the track again.

Arnoux, who is still in with an outside chance of becoming the first Frenchman to win the title, fears he will not be fit in time. He is currently eight points behind his compatriot Alain Prost in the championship standings. Before going off for x-rays he said: "These are things which should not happen. The track officials here are notoriously inefficient. My car was in a dangerous position and I had asked them to give me a push. I had to wait a quarter of an hour for them to react.

"And then, having not moved, the officials wanted to hurry it. My foot, half my leg even, went under the wheel of my Ferrari but it's the ankle which took the brunt of it.

QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, P Tambay, (Fr), Ferrari, one min 6.554 sec, average speed, 221.991 khm. 2, N Piquet, (Br), Brabham BMW, 1:06.792. 3, A Prost, (Fr), Renault, 1:07.186. 4, R Arnoux, (Fr), Ferrari, 1:07.222. 5, K Rosberg, (Fin), Williams Honda, 1:07.256. 6, M Winkelhock, (WG), ATS-BMW, 1:07.726. 7, J Laffite, (Fr), Williams-Honda, 1:07.931. 8, E de Angelis, (It), Lotus-Renault, 1:07.937. 9, N Lauda, (Austria), McLaren-Porsche, 1:07.974. 10, D Warwick, (GB), Toleman-Hart, 1:08.061. 11, E Cheever, (US), Renault 1:08.089. 12, R Patrese, (It), Brabham-BMW, 1:08.181. 13, J Watson, (GB), McLaren-Porsche, 1:08.328. 14, B Giacomelli, (It), Toleman-Hart, 1:08.350. 15, A de Cesaris, (It), Alfa-Romeo, 1:08.970. 16, M Baldi, (It), Alfa-Romeo, 1:09.364. 17, N Mansell, (GB), Lotus-Renault, 1:09.443. 18, M Alboreto, (It), Tyrrell-Cosworth, 1:11.098. 19, D Sullivan, (US), Tyrrell-Cosworth, 1:11.750. 20, T Boutsen, (Bel), Arrows-Cosworth, 1:11.968.

RUGBY UNION

Canada seek more tours to raise level of their game

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

There will no foregone conclusions for the captain of the Canadian team whose five-match tour closes against an England XV tomorrow, a match for which England are awarding no caps, but which will be a significant feather in Canadian headgear.

"We aim to win at rugby," Ian MacMillan said. "When we go out to play England at Twickenham there will be no idea for settling for, say a 20 or 30 point defeat. We'll have only one thought in mind".

You would not expect him to say otherwise. What is instructive is the suggestion by MacMillan, a 27 year-old sales representative, that in Britain rugby is taken very seriously, perhaps too seriously sometimes. That may be the price to pay for retaining a place as one of the world leaders in a game now seen as being increasingly marketable to an international audience and deriving thereby an increasing amount of sponsorship.

MacMillan himself played football as a boy and did not take up rugby until he was a 16 year-old at Victoria Park High School in Toronto. He found that his lack of stature – he is 5ft 7in and a few pounds under 11st – did not count against him and quickly found his niche at scrum half, graduating to senior rugby with the Toronto Barbarians. He was a replacement against New Zealand in 1980 and won the first of his eight caps against Argentina on tour in South America in 1981.

His country desperately needs more tours both inwards and outwards, MacMillan says. Then they can learn how the game is developing in other parts of the world and set themselves standards. It is not that Canadians wish slavishly to emulate the New Zealanders, or the English or the Welsh, but they recognize the virtues other countries possess and seek to graft them onto their own approach, which is to run with the ball.

"You will have seen that we need to learn most about tight forward play. On the other hand, I'm sure our backs will have made their mark. Let me put it another way: if we had won as much ball as those sides against whom we have played on tour, I hope we could have done more with it".

His sentiments are echoed by Alan Rees, the tour manager, once of Llantrisant, but now a resident of Victoria in British Columbia. "We have been extending an invitation to everyone to visit Canada. There are half a dozen boys on this tour who, if they played here on a week to week basis, would be more than creditable performers". Mr Rees hopes shortly to arrange a tour for the Public Schools Wanderers, who could prove as attractive as the Barbarians, twice visitors to Canada.

Back row precaution

The Canadians, knowing the size of the task which faces them against England at Twickenham tomorrow, have chosen their most mobile back row in the knowlwdge that there will be a desperate amount of tackling and covering to be done, David Hands writes. Russell will play No 8, rather than flanker, and he will be joined by the improving Cvitak and Godziek, who did well against England in Vancouver last year.

Four of the Canadians will have played in all five tour games: three of the backs, Wyatt, Palmer and Fraser, and the bearded lock forward, Jennings. The side trained at the HAC ground yesterday and will relax today, all save Schiefler, the stand-off half, who is waiting for a favourable medical report after a bang on the head in the game last Saturday against Oxford University.

CANADA: M Wyatt; P MacLean, G Fraser, C Jones; M Schiefler, I MacMillan (captain); G Dukalow, J Vivian, R Breen, Z Cvitak, R Strang, G Jennings, A Godziek, R Russell.

Anachronism the Welsh giants choose to ignore

By Gerald Davies

Pembrokeshire's exciting victory over Japan on Wednesday will give a timely boost to rugby in the area but, with a shortage of competitive opportunities, this is unlikely to be anything more than of a temporary nature. There is a county championship but that such a cup competition exists will come as a surprise to many, not least to quite a few Welshmen themselves. It ends up merely as a footnote in the catalogue of the season's events.

Pembrokeshire, with no senior club within its jurisdiction, have been champions for two successive seasons, 1980-81 and 1981-82, over the likes of Glamorgan and Monmouthshire, within whose bounds all the senior clubs reside, with the exception of Llanelli, and that perhaps sums up the influence the competition has in the traditional strongholds of Welsh rugby and the low regard with which it is held by the players.

Although called upon, it is rare for the best club or international player to take part. That county rugby in Wales seems an anachronism is reinforced by the way they retain the old county names.

What then is to be made, if anything, of county rugby in Wales? Trevor James, the Pembrokeshire coach, is unequivocal. Club rugby is so insular and limited in his part of the world that county representation is the only chance that local players have of competing against players from other parts of Wales. This can give rise to improved standards. It is sad for him, he believes, and for the players that they cannot continue to build on Wednesday's victory. Because county rugby is not taken seriously enough, he feels, the team will lose its motivation.

There is a feeling, even among the Welsh Rugby Union representatives that county rugby ought to be strengthened as a way of increasing interest in the weaker rugby areas. But the strength of Welsh rugby remains with the clubs and the clubs would object, as they have done so often in the past, that the counties should not make demands

Twelve months ago the Welsh Rugby Union investigative committee, in order to assess the county contribution, asked them to submit their recommendations for the future structure. No plan has been forthcoming as yet.

What is important that, whatever its position, it should be considered as an aid to Welsh rugby not a burden. After all there are those over the years who have looked with a rather self-satisfied air at the perennial county versus club dilemma which often plagues English rugby.

HOCKEY

Restriction on British players

By Joyce Whitehead

Members of Britain's 16-strong squad have been instructed not to play hockey more than once a week at any level until Christmas. The instruction has been issued by the Great Britain Olympic committee.

The committee want the squad to be at their peak for the international tournament in April. After Christmas they will be allowed to play twice a week, but not twice in one day.

They may play in the territorial matches in January but not in any other games in that fortnight. This applies to only eight players from England but it will mean that seven county teams will be without their best players for some of the county championship matches.

For instance at the inter county tournaments immediately after Christmas, when the last of the county championship matches are played, most teams are in action four of five times in three or four days. The counties affected in the north are Lancashire (two players) and Lancashire Central League, Leicestershire, Staffordshire and Warwickshire in the Midlands, Kent in the East and Surrey in the South.

This weekend five counties are holding their trials. Tomorrow Sussex will play on the county cricket ground at Hove and their selectors have a problem, only four of last season's 11 are available. Forty one players will attend Warwickshire's trials in Stratford on Avon. This team has to find a new goalkeeper as Nicki Chambers is not playing. Cambridgeshire have a busy time. Without Pippa Tuffnell (Cambridge LHC), they have trials on Saturday with 26 players.

On Sunday at Loughborough Leicestershire are holding their final trials, with 36 players for two teams.

Berkshire's final trial will be played from 2pm to 4pm at Bisham Abbey, near Marlow. The Bank of England ground at Roehampton is the venue for the Middlesex final trial.

Worcestershire will play at Evesham on Sunday afternoon against Glamorgan who will be without Pugh, their Great Britain player, because she will have played tomorrow.

Anne Cowburn who was in the England Under-21 squad, is a newcomer to the Lancashire team and Jackie Jones has risen from the second team. They replace Loraine Marsden (Hightown) and Jean Lawman (Ormskirk).

CRICKET

Pakistan's selection committee resigns

Karachi (Reuter) – Imran Khan's selection as Pakistan captain for the tour of Australia, which begins on Monday, prompted the resignation of the selection committee for the Board of Control for cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) yesterday.

The selection committee chairman, Haseeb Ahsan, told reporters here that the BCCP council (a body distinct from the committee) had ignored his committee's proposal not to select Imran, who is recovering from a leg injury. He accused the council of being high-hinded.

Mr Ahsan said that the council had engaged in double standards by selecting Imran without any trials. Before Pakistan's recently completed tour of India, the council had insisted that the fast-medium bowler, Sarfraz Nawaz, undergo fitness tests. Subsequently, the council did not select Sarfraz for the tour.

Nur Khan, BCCP president, told *an earlier press conference* that the council had been unanimous in their choice of Imran as captain and Zaheer Abbas as vice-captain. Zaheer had been captain on the tour of India.

"Imran is fully fit and we think he will perform well in Australia as he is a great all-rounder". Mr Khan said. "He is most suitable for the job and the BCCP has full confidence in his leadership qualities."

Imran, who led Pakistan to victories in the Test series against Australia and India in Pakistan last year, was replaced by Zaheer for the Indian tour because doctors had advised him against bowling.

Imran: at centre of row

TOUR PARTY: Imran Khan (captain), Zaheer Abbas, Mohsin Khan, Mudassar Nazar, Javed Miandad, Wasim Raja, Qasim Umer, Mansoor Akhtar, Azim Hafeez, Tahir Naqqash, Atiq-Ur-Rehman, Rashid Khan, Mohammed Nazir Junior, Wasim Bari, Ashraf Ali, Abdul Qadir.

West Indies revenge

Srinagar, Northern India, (AFP) – West Indies won the first one-day international against India – who beat them in the World Cup Final when last they met – after bad light and strong winds caused the match to be abandoned.

Replying to India's total of 176 off 41.2 overs, Haynes and Greenidge were never troubled as they hammered all four bowlers in adding 108 without loss. The runs came off 22.4 overs, an average of 4.82 per over, better than India who, by the end of 25 overs, has scored 93 at 3.72 an over. Haynes, who made 55, was declared man of the match.

Lloyd won the toss, putting India in to bat on a pitch which was still damp after the morning dew. In front of 25,000 spectators, Gavaskar and Srikkanth batted uncomfortably against the pace attack of Roberts and Marshall and runs came only in one or twos.

India's first wicket fell with the total on 19, Gavaskar getting an edge to an outwinger from Marshall and being caught in the slips by Richards for 11. Srikkanth went on to top score with 42 before being fifth out with the total on 114.

Although few batsmen looked safe against West Indies pace attack, it was Harper and Baptiste who did most of the damage. Harper claimed three wickets with his off-spin while Marshall and Baptiste shared two each.

The day was marred by missiles being hurled at the Indian players fielding on the boundary. Kapil Dev took his players off the field before the first ball was bowled in the West Indies innings.

INDIA: First innings

S M Gavaskar c Richards b Marshall	11
K Srikkanth c Greenidge B Harper	40
D B Vengsarkar C Marshall b Baptiste	28
Yashpal Sharma c Haynes b Harper	7
S M Patil b Baptiste	0
*Kapil Dev c Dujon b Holding	17
Kirti Azad c and b Harper	21
R M H Binny c Dujon b Roberts	10
S Madan Lal run out	13
†S M H Kirmani not out	8
B S Sandhu c Richards b Marshall	0
Extras ()	21
Total (41.2 overs)	176

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–19, 2–65, 3–80, 4–90, 5–114, 6–143, 7–151, 8–155, 9–176, 10–176.

BOWLING: Roberts, 9–0–26–1; Marshall, 7.2–2–13–2; Holding, 7–0–32–1; Baptiste, 9–1–50–2; Harper, 9–1–34–3.

WEST INDIES:

C G Greenidge not out	44
D L Haynes not out	55
Extras (lb-4, nb-3, w-2)	9
Total (no wkt, 22.4 overs)	108

I V A Richards, H A Gomes, * C H Lloyd, † P J Dujon, E A Baptiste, R A Harper, M D Marshall, A M E Roberts and M A Holding did not bat.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev, 5-1-12-0; Sandhu, 7-0-10-0; Madan Lal, 6.4-0-51-0; Binny, 4-0-26-0.

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Consolation in defeat for Brecon

By Michael Stevenson

Christ's College, Brecon, had good wins under their belts against King's, Worcester, Dean Close, Wycliffe and Belmont Abbey (who themselves had come close to defeating Cowley) when, full of confidence, they visited Sherborne.

The result was a crushing defeat for the visitors by 48-7. The Christ's College side in general, and their coach, Mike Francis, in particular, came away from this match with the opinion that they had lost to an excellent team: "They were far too big and strong for us; I reckon that they are one of the best sides I've seen for years."

At least Lewis had the distinction of scoring the only try that Sherborne have conceded this season. Another source of consolation for Christ's was that their talented captain and centre, Noble, was regarded by friend and foe alike as the best back on the field.

Another side to enjoy an excellent start to the season are, Llandovery College. They have a largely new side with only one old colour, Lewis, still available, but there are several others with first-team experience. They have beaten Cowbridge, Haverfordwest and Rydal, but face their sternest test so far when they meet Millfield.

A consistently good rugby school, Lancaster Royal Grammar, have again proved their effectiveness. Their latest victims, Stonyhurst, were defeated 28-3. Lancaster's stand-off half, Hamer, is a fine cricketer and single figure handicap golfer, and his agility on the rugby field impressed the Stonyhurst and England Colts coach, Bryan Ashton, who said:

"Hamer is a real prospect. He scored 16 points against us and looked to be a class player in the process. It was only 9-3 at half-time. We managed something near parity in the set pieces, but Lancaster were far quicker and more imaginative from broken play."

Stonyhurst have lost to Denstone, Rossall and Lancaster and beaten Mount St Mary's. They are in a transitional phase, without outstanding players, but are hoping for better things before long.

Over the Pennines, in Harrogate, Ashville registered a convincing victory over St Peter's, York, by 30-3 on a windy but dry day. Ashville were well served by their half backs, Search and Lister, son of the secretary of Yorkshire County Cricket Club, Joe Lister. Gorman kicked a penalty for St Peter's. Apah (two), Bell, London and Lister scored tries for Ashville.

Michaelmas Bar results

The Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry prize has been awarded to David John Elvin of the Middle Temple.

The Council of Legal Education has announced that the following candidates were successful in the Michaelmas Bar examination. The initial after each name indicates the Inn: L, Lincoln's Inn; I, Inner Temple; M, Middle Temple; G, Gray's Inn.

Class I: No Award
Class II Division I: No Award
Class II Division II (in order of merit): Christine Malkin, M; Amanda Catherine Brown, L; C V Molloy, M; Choon Yong Loo, M; C F E De Havas, G; Sheila Gaylord, G; W L Fribbance, L; Susan P Dunnett, M; S M Shah, I; C D Harris, M; T I Emuwa, G.
Class III (in numerical order): Miranda Addo, G; Grace T Amakye, G; Mahmud Aslam, G; D R Ball, L; Constance Briscoe, I; Alison M Brown, I; Sherrie L Caddle, L; Anna-Marie Christofides, L; E A Cummins, M; P Dass, I; Gemma Dastgir, G; Sandra P Dyer, M; J A Fitzpatrick, G; R St Clair Gainer, M; O M Golley, I; R W Headlam, G; Carol Joseph, L; G W C Kavanagh, M; Monica Dambrou, L; A E Melhado, L; Julie M O'Mahoney, G; Ebraham Mohamed Patel, G; M Pearson, L; C C T Peck, I; Dorothy M Prentice, L; D M Purdy, L; E H S Romilly, G; D J Rose, I; N Saunders, M; Josephine S T Scally, L; D B Shaw, G; R A Southall, M; Janice L Stafford, L; J D Swain, L; M Thoka, M; G Wood, G; D A James, M; A I Altug, M; I S Dootson, G; Subir Kumar Karmakar, M; A L Mowbray, M; J E Pattinson, M; B D J Rees, L; T A J Williams, G; Tejpal Singh Chodha, I; Linda Brown, M; M G Bundock, L; K M Byrne, M; W Y P Chia, L; Fat, s/o Choong Sang, Chin, L; Kuok Hua Patrick Chong, L; Sarah J Davies, G; Ayse Rengin Dengizer-Johnson, L; Odette El-Ali, L; D Fones, L; R F Higgs, G; J Ho, L; G Howard, L; Rubina Madai Jamal, L; Kanagashanta Kumar Kanagasingam, M; Allieu Ibrahim Badara Kanu, M; Jasbir Kaur, L; Minderjit Kaur, L; Karen Lane-Angell, G; E Y N Lau, I; Chiew Chai Liew, L; Mary B L Lim, L; Kee Jam Lo, L; Heather Louai, G; D J Louis, L; Arula Nanthan Moodliar, G; D P Owen, G; G Plant, I; E A G Prentice, I; Rajakumar s/o Mutty G; Anantha Kumar Ramasamy, M; Lambert Thuraisingham Rasa-Ratnam, L; D J Regan, I; Stella Roberts, L; F D Rose, G; Carrie May-Ling Seow, M; I M Stokes, G; Sek Koot Teh, G; M K S Teoh, L; D L Thomas, G; N R Thomas, M; A C Tomkins, G; Joyce Estelle Trotman, M; Venkata Chari Srinivasa Vardan, L; R C White, G; A Ng Van Wong, L; Lock Heng Wong, L; Yee Yen Yong, L; J M R Renaud, L.

The following have been awarded a Conditional Pass. The section they have yet to pass is shown in brackets against their name.

KEY: (1) General Paper I (2) General Paper II (3) Civil and Criminal Procedure (4) Evidence (5) Revenue Law (6) Family Law and Procedure (7) Law of Landlord and Tenant (8) Sale of Goods and Hire-Purchase (9) Local Government and Planning Law (10) Practical Conveyancing (11) Conflict of Laws and European Community Law (12) Labour Law and Social Security Law (13) Law of International Trade

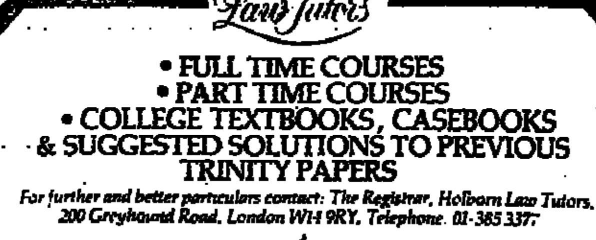
A F Caldwell, M (5); G W Hardwick, M (5); P G Haworth, L (4); Kim Ling s/o Kam Ling Loh, L (6); Jaspal Singh, L (4); Sharon A Taylor, L (5); T M Bennett, I (4); Arjan Bhisham Chotrani, G (3); Mimi Giok Lan Chow, M (4); Aisah Eden, L (4); N E J Fuller, M (8); Valerie Pak Lian Hee, I (10); Chek Fah (Richard) Ho, L (1); Lee Fong Low, M (10); Devan Mahalingam, I (13); Said Mohammedally, M (13); D C W Ong, G (4); D M Page, M (10); bin Sulaiman Pakhruddin, L (13); Samarudin, Rejab, G (2); Kam San Shao, L (10); Kerpal Singh, L (1); Charnjeet Somal, L (13); Ekaterini Souliotis, G (1); Coomarasooriyar Subbayah, L (4); Tai Yoong Tan, G (4); Hon Yuen Tse, I (4); M C E Turner, L (13); R L B Jobsz, G (1)

The following have passed individual sections to complete the Bar Examination. In numerical order: G B Angammana, L; S S Aronsohn, M; Tahseen Aslam, I; N A B Avey, I; E S Ballentyne, G; W R Baron, I; S M Bicknell, M; F H Brown, M; C M Buchanan, M; C F Byrne, G; A W Dickens, G; T A B Elliott, M; L S Ewen, G; E E Cimbrere, I; P L Gray, I; R S Griffiths, G; Helen M L Hendry, M; I L Henry, M; L J Jermy, M; Rajendra Jugatray Joshi, I; Gurinder Kandola, M; A J Levy, M; M C J Mayhew-Arnold, I; J M McCann, G; Deirdre M McGuire, I; Nicola Merrick, G; Michèle A O'Leary, G; Julie B O'Malley, G; Azra Perveen Qureshi, L; M J Riley, M; A N Tackle, M; Ann M Thomas, G; J Webster, I; Judith Rymell, I; Mohammad Irfan Abdool Rahman, G; Adbul Razak, bin Yaacob L; Cynthia P Anthony, M; bin Abdul Hamid Azizuddin, I; Tai Huong Chen, G; Mew Ling Ching, L; Lydia Ferguson, G; Imran Hamid, L; Joseph s/o Sellappah Job M; Marianne Louise Kent, M; Mohammed Asif Khan, L; Kim Leong Lee, L; Hai Ming Lim, L; Choon Hiaw Loo, L; Priscilla Marcus Podtung, M; Latip bin Sarrugi Mohd L; Swee Chin Pan, M; Fook Yuen Poh, Lawrence Ponniah, L; Selvaseharan Ponniah, G; Teik Kim Song, L; Belinda Mei Lin Tan, G; Kim Ying Thong, M; Chee Chin Wee, G; Soo Bee Teoh, L; Catharine A Otton-Goulder, L.

The following have passed additional subjects. The subject they have passed is shown in the brackets against their name: KEY: (5) Revenue Law (10) Practical Conveyancing.

Jayne Lesley Arrowsmith, G (5); N J Baker, M (10)

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Motorfair back for another year

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The problem was that the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) the industry's leading trade body and organizer of the Birmingham show, saw Motorfair as a direct threat to an event which was the society's bigget money-earner. Some motor manufacturers were openly critical of Earl's Court management, suggesting that they were bad losers not prepared to accept that switching the international show from its traditional home in Earl's Court to the more modern exhibition centre was a permanent move.

By 1981, however, the warring factions had settled their differences and the SMMT agreed to cooperate in running a Motorfair that year. They were given two seats on the organizing board from which they were able to ensure that member companies kept their involvement in Motorfair to a level that did not leave them unable to finance a stand at the following year's National Exhibition Centre show. In theory Motorfair is a dealers show at which motorists can negotiate new and second-car purchases on the spot, a departure from normal motor show practice.

In fact more than £20m worth of business was clinched during the 1981 show and there were nearly 230,000 paying visitors. Next week's event sees even more involvement by the manufacturers with little attempt to stay in the background. There are 162 principal stands occupying 20 per cent more space. In the weeks running up to the opening the manufacturers' publicity machines have been pouring out reams of handout material and their public relations staffs will be much in evidence at Wednesday's press preview.

So is Motorfair in any way a threat to the National Exhibition Centre? A lot of people in the motor industry still hanker for the fleshpots of London in preference to the provincial nightlife of Birmingham. I believe there is no question of a threat in the short term. Motorfair is a fraction of the size, occupying one inconvenient old hall, compared with Birmingham's seven custom-built halls, soon to be increased to eight. But in the long term there may be doubt. By maintaining a presence and demonstrating a need Earl's Court is keeping alive London's hopes that some day the British Motor Show will "come home", if not to Earl's Court then to the modern exhibition centre Londoners still insist the capital should have.

New Citroen proves outstanding

Much has been written about the crucial role of Citroen's new BX range in the campaign now being waged by Peugeot to give its subsidiary a new image with the motoring public. It has been discribed as the first Cirtoen designed for mass production, the first to have acceptable maintenance costs and the first to appeal to the all important fleet buyer.

Initial driving impressions indicated that it was also an attractive package for the family motorist looking for something a little different but still competitively priced, roomy and cheap to run. Such impressions are often misleading and all sorts of snags crop up with longer acquaintance.

I am happy to report that with one reservation the BX 16 TRS I tested recently is one of the most outstanding cars in the medium sector and real competition for the present leaders Sierra, Cavalier and the fast climbing Maestro.

The self-levelling suspension based on Citroen's well proven hydropneumatic system is unique in this fiercest of all cut price sectors of the market. Unlike some of the larger Citroens the BX does not "wallow" on fast bends and its constant height ride is little affected by full loads.

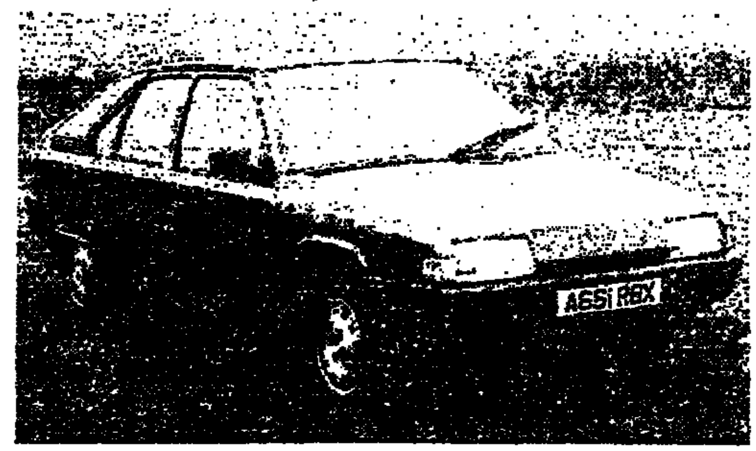
It also scores over older Citroen models in braking. Citroen enthusiasts may like the instant "on-off" response of the power assisted system which is so characteristic of the marque but I find it positively vicious if not dangerous in bad weather. The discs-all-round, power-assisted brakes on the BX still require a light touch but they can be applied with the degree of finesse which spells safety and yet remain extremely powerful.

The new all-alloy 1.6 litre engine fitted transversely and driving the front wheels is one of the few which matches up to the Cavalier's outstanding 1.6 power unit. Both produce a little over 90hp and are very forgiving for the lazy driver who hangs on to top gear too long but at the same time rewarding for the fast driver prepared to stir the mixture as often as necessary.

VITAL STATISTICS
Model: Citroen BX 16 TRS
Price: £6,100
Engine: 1580cc all alloy
Performance: Max speed 109 mph, 0-60 mph 11.3 seconds
Official consumption: Urban 31.4 mph, 56 mph 51.4 mph, 75 mph 38.7 mph.
Length: 13.8 ft
Insurance: Group 5 (provisional)

It is also one of the most efficient in its class and capable of returning over 30 mpg in the hands of careful drivers.

My main concern however is the heavy steering. It really is a handful to manoeuvre in multi-storey car parks and unlike some cars which improve underway remains unduly heavy. I discussed the steering problem with Citroen and they found that the steering on my particular model had excessive "toe-out". I hope to try a readjusted version at a later date and will report on my findings.



Citroen BX16 TRS Unique suspension system

Going foreign

It is becoming clear that BL's car companies, Austin Rover and Jaguar, have designed their last new gear box. Prohibitive development and production costs have driven them to buy foreign. Jaguar has fitted a General Motors automatic box for several years and this week added the German Getrag five-speed manual box for its new Cabriolet.

Austin Rover imports Volkswagen four and five speed boxes for its Maestro and two days ago revealed that a new automatic Maestro will also have a VW box.

It has not been so open about the foreign invasion of its Rover saloons. Without any announcement it has been importing GM automatics for its Rover range since the beginning of the year. The matter only came to light this week when it announced that the top-of-the-range Rover Vitesse, previously available only in manual form, is to be sold with a GM automatic. Inquires brought to light the news that the switch from Borg Warner to GM began many months ago.

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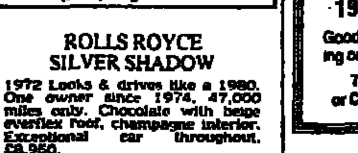
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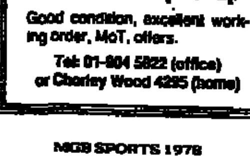
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BIRTHS

AUSTIN. – On October 12th in Rotterdam to Sue (née Byford) and Jonathan – a daughter (Victoria Robyn), a sister for Oliver.

BENSTED. On October 8th, at Westminster Hospital to Anne (nee Madden) and Tony – a son (James).

BIRD. – On October 8th, to Carola (née Standish) and Michael – a daughter (Emily) a sister for Daisy.

CAMPBELL. – On October 13th at Princess Margaret, Windsor to Lidia and Ian – a daughter, a sister to Francesca, Fiona, Katrina, Duncan and Fergus.

CLIFTON-BROWN on October 6, to Sarah (née Jardine Paterson) and James, a daughter (Emma Victoria).

COTTENHAM. – On 11th October at Westminster Hospital to Sarah and Charlie, a son, Mark John.

CRAXTON. – On October 12th to Isobel and Edward – a third son.

DENYER. – On October 9th to Isabel (née Kerr-Jarrett) and Mark – a daughter (Alice Louise), a sister for Sarah Lucy. T.Y.J.

GRIFFIN. – On October 11th, to Kate (née Tyler) and Jonathan, a son, Peter, a brother to Emma and Claire.

MARTIN. – On October 9, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jane (nee Mackenzie Smith) and Robin – a son, a brother for James and Edward.

NISSEN. – On October 12th at Kingston Hospital, to Toni (née Robson) & Guy, a daughter, Sophie Kate.

OTTER. – On October 11th, to Anne Lise (née Pannier) and Mark – a daughter (Anne-Sophie).

ROBBINS. – On October 10th to Stephanie and Nigel – a welcome son (Oliver Matthew) brother for Alexander Jonathan and Sebastian, remembering always baby Miranda.

ROBERTS-HOLMES. – On Sunday, October 9th, to Felicity (nee Chisholm) and Timothy – a daughter.

SIRMAN. On September 26th at Q Mary's, Roehampton, to Christine and Peter – a son, James Peter.

TRINICK. – On Oct 4th at Treliske, to Katrina (nee George) and Marcus – a daughter (Loveday Jessica Mary).

VERNON. – On October 12th in Ayrshire to Victoria, wife of Richard Vernon – a daughter.

BIRTHDAYS

CHRISTOPHER NEWTON. – Happy Birthday darling. I hope you're enjoying our holiday. Love you always – Toadey

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DEATHS

BARKER on Oct 12, 1983, Violet Eleanor, wife of General Sir Evelyn Barker, of Park House, Bromham, Bedford, following a fall at home. A funeral service at Turvey Parish Church, near Bedford, on Tues 18th Oct at 2.30 pm. Family and close friends only, no letters, please.

CARTER – at Marlborough, on 12th October, Dr Peter Carter, most dearly loved & loving husband of Clare, after a long illness bravely borne. Funeral private; memorial service to be announced later. Donations to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham.

CORKREY. – Peacefully on Wednesday, October 12th, Christopher John, aged 95. Dearly loved father & father-in-law of Antonia & Vladimir Raitz & dearly loved grandfather of Lucy, Sophie & Sarah. Private cremation.

DOBREE. – On Wednesday, 12th October, peacefully at home, Brigadier Thomas Saumarez Dobree, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., R.A. (Rtd), aged 88. Beloved husband of Betty & much loved father, stepfather, grandfather & friend. Interment at Candie Cemetery, Guernsey, on Tuesday, 18th October at 10 am. Guernsey friends welcome. Memorial service at Hindon Church on Friday, 21st October at 11.30 am. Donation in lieu of flowers to Parkinsons Disease Society U.K., 36 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG.

FARMILOE. – On 11th October, 1983, at home, peacefully after a long illness, Miles Damer Bligh (Dick) Farmiloe, dearly loved husband of Cynthia, father of the late Michael & Tim & grandfather of Sarah & Simon. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Tuesday, 18th October at 2.30pm. Family flowers only.

FOLEY, JEAN. – At Lynts private nursing home, Armadale, Australia, 5th October. Widow of Captain James Bernard Foley, CBE, RAN, mother of Ann (Mrs Anthony Sallmann), grandmother of Peter, Christopher, Jeremy and Jane (Mrs Richard Cookesley), great-grandmother of Matthew, Zoe, Hayden and Hope.

FRENCH. – Suddenly, at his home, Rosewood Heath View, East Horsley, Peter Robert, beloved husband of Anne, dearly loved father of Stephen and Jacqueline. Funeral Tuesday, October 18, 1983 at Guildford Crematorium at 11.30am.

GABSZEWICZ – On 10th of October peacefully at home, Mortimer Lodge Hanley Swan, Worcester. General Aleksander, Klemens, Gabszewicz virtuti militari 4th and 5th class, Polonia restituta cross valour (4 times) D.S.O. and bar D.F.C., commander of the Order of the Orange Nassau, Croix de Guerre with palm. Requiem Mass at Blackmore Park Catholic church, Hanley Swan, on today, 14th October, at 12.30pm followed by private cremation. Flowers to Holland Funeral Services, Malvern, or donations in lieu may be made to the Polish Air Force Association Benevolent Fund, 14 Collingham Gdns, SW5. Memorial service at St Clements Danes Church, The Strand, to be announced at a later date.

HARPER – on October 12th, Lt Col F. A. (Bill) Harper, C.B., M.B.E., husband of Jillian & father of Mandy. Cremation to take place on Wednesday, October 19th, at Aldershot Crematorium at 2.30pm. No flowers please.

HERBERT, ELINORA. – On October 9th, 1983, peacefully at Sutton Veny Nursing Home. Dear aunt of Claudine. Requiem Mass at Llanarth, nr. Abergavenny, Gwent, on Sunday, October 16th, at 3.00 p.m. Family flowers only. Inquiries to Claudine Pappe, c/o Herbert, Llanover, Abergavenny, Gwent.

HOSKING. – On October 12th, in Adelaide, Australia, after a long illness courageously borne, Joyce Mary, widow of Arthur, formerly of Kolar, India and much loved mother of Richard and brother of Kenneth Kendall.

LAY. – On October 12th 1983, Margaret Norah Lay of Spenford House, Loppington near Wem, aged 71 years. Funeral service on Monday, October 17th at Loppington Parish Church at 9.15 am followed by cremation at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury.

MILLER – On October 12th 1983, peacefully in Reading, Faith Madeleine, widow of Professor A. A. Miller of Reading University, beloved mother and grandmother. A quiet cremation on Tuesday 18th October, 11.00am at East Hampstead Park. Family flowers only.

MYTTON – on 10th October 1983, peacefully, after a long illness, Major Reginald Maurice Mytton, formerly Coldstream Guards. Funeral service 10am on Thursday, 20th October at Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers, wreaths to Regimental Headquarters, Coldstream Guards, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, SW1 by 5pm on Wednesday 19th October 1983.

NEWMAN – on 10th October, 1983, at her home, the Crescent, SW19, Muriel Primrose, devoted wife of the late Martin Newman, and very dear mother of Nick and Priscilla Ann.

OGIER. – On 9th October, peacefully at home in Jerez De La Frontera, Spain, after a long illness, Thomas Patrick, loved son of Mrs Kathleen Ogier and the late Conseiller T D Ogier, husband of Victoria, father to Anne, Carlos and Alexandra and brother to Roland, aged 43. Family interment in Spain on Tuesday, 11th October. Donations if wished may be sent to World Wildlife Fund, 11 Ockford Road, Godalming, Surrey.

ROBINSON – On Wednesday, 10th October, peacefully at a Torquay Nursing Home, Alwina, aged 86 years, loving cousin of Mabel. Funeral Service at Torquay Crematorium on Friday, 14th October at 9.30 am.

SMAGGASGALE – on 11th October, 1983, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, Wilts, C. E. F. (Smaggie), aged 81 yrs. Beloved husband of Jean. Funeral on Friday, 21st Oct. Service at St Nicholas Church, East Grafton, Wilts, at 2.30pm. Flowers to T. Free & Sons, The Parade, Marlborough, Wilts, Tel. 52110.

SMART, ANGUS, suddenly at home in Toronto, Canada, on Tuesday, October 11th, 1983, beloved husband of the late Jane Elizabeth, loving father of Lindsay Elizabeth and Carolyn Alexandra, brother of Lorna Berkeley at the Morley Bedford Funeral Chapel, 159 Eglinton Ave. W Toronto. Service in Grace Church on-the-Hill, Toronto, Friday at 11 am.

DEATHS

STEELE. – On October 11, 1983, peacefully, at home in Winchester, Frances Howard Steele, dearly loved husband of Clare and father of Christian and David. A funeral service will take place at St Mary's Church, Crawley, near Winchester, on Friday, October 14, at 3.15pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers to St Mark's Research Foundation, c/o John Stacey and Son Ltd, Cheesehill Street, Winchester.

STRATTON. – On 11th Oct, 1983, Frank Gordon of Gilbert Rd, Hale, Cheshire, beloved husband of the late Joanie, much loved father of David and Tom, and dear grandpa to Martin and James. Funeral service at the Altrincham Crematorium on Mon., Oct 17th at 3.00pm. Flowers may be sent, or donations if wished. Enquiries to Messrs. John G Ashton & Co, Church St, Altrincham. Tel: 061-928 7816.

WHITWORTH. – On October 11 in hospital, aged 88 years, Robert Baldwin Whitworth, of Aldersby Park, Topcliffe, near Thirsk, for many years of Harrogate. Service at Harrogate Crematorium on Monday, October 17, at 11.00am.

WRATHALL. – On 12th October, 1983, William Parker, D.S.O., M.C., and Croix de Guerre. For 61 years devoted husband of Sheila, father of Sheila, Dick, Chris and the late John. Funeral service will take place on Tuesday, 18th October, at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to H. C. Grimstead Ltd, Tilbury House, Shepherds Lane, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM: News and information service, available to everyone with a television set, with teletext or not.

6.30 Breakfast Time: With Frank Bough and Fern Britton. Today's special Friday items include Pop News, with Mike Smith (between 7.45 and 8.00) and Glyn Christian's Food and Cooking spot (8.30-9.00). Other regular items include news at 6.30, and then half-hourly until 8.30, sport at 6.43, 7.18 and 8.18; tonight's TV (7.15-7.30); morning papers (7.32 and 8.32). Closedown at 9.00.

9.30 Conservative Party Conference 1983: The final day's business at Blackpool. Mrs Thatcher will make her speech this afternoon (see 2.25 entry). Further live coverage this morning at 11.05.

10.30 Play School: Francesca Zeissl's story Frederick's Hat; 10.55 Play Ideas: news and views on TV programmes for children.

11.05 Conservative Party Conference: back to Blackpool. Closedown at 12.00.

12.30 News After Noon: with Richard Whitmore and Judi Lines; 12.57 Financial Report. And sub-titled news headlines.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Topical tips day. Peter Seabrook is again out in the garden, and Roy Day, the house-improver, gets to grips with some thing jobs. The guest singers are Helen Shapiro and 15-year-old Paula Ann Bland. **1.45 Little Misses and the Mister Men:** for the toddlers. Closedown at 2.00.

2.25 Conservative Party Conference: the final session. Mrs Thatcher makes her speech to delegates; **3.30** Closedown.

3.55 Play School: It's Friday. Quentin Blake's story Jack and Nancy; **4.20 Bananaman:** Alien Planet; **4.25 Jackanory:** Ronald Pickup reads more from W J Corbett's The Song of Pentecost; **4.40 Heavy It's the King:** cartoon;

4.50 Crackerjack: with the young impressionist Bobby Davro. Plus the balancing act Los Martinos, and Take a Chance; **5.35 The Amazing Adventures of Morph.**

5.40 News: with Jan Leeming; **6.05 South East at Six; 6.30 Friday Sportstime:** with Desmond Lynam.

6.50 Show Business: includes a behind-the-scenes report on Selina Scott, and an item about pop star Tracey Ullman.

7.15 Film: The Shadow Riders (1982) Made-for-TV western, set just after the American Civil War, with Tom Selleck and Sam Elliott as the two brothers, who fought on opposite sides, uniting to rescue their abducted family. Co-starring Katharine Ross. Directed by Andrew V McLaglen.

8.45 Points of View: Barry Took comments on viewers' comments on TV programmes.

9.00 News: with John Humphrys.

9.25 Knots Landing: Veteran actress Julie Harris brings a touch of class to this American series that much needs it. She plays a troublesome mother.

10.15 Now Get Out of That: The two teams (one American, the other British) continue their against-the-clock mission, confronting the unexpected.

10.50 Film: The List of Adrian Messenger (1963*). The search for a mass murderer, a master of disguise, involves a strong cast including George C Scott, Dana Wynter, Tony Curtis, Kirk Douglas, Burt Lancaster, Robert Mitchum and Frank Sinatra. Directed by John Huston. Ends at 12.30am.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain: with Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. Today's special Friday features include Popeye (7.20), Views on the Monday Moan (7.48) Weekend TV (8.35) and the Diana Dors Diet (8.42). The regular items include news at 6.30, then half-hourly until 9.00 and at 9.25; Sport at 6.35, 7.35 and 8.30; the morning papers at 8.25; and competition time at 8.24.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames headlines; 9.30 For Schools: A-level biology; 9.47 Hodgkins in hospital; 10.09 Dr Sweety-tooth; 10.26 Making a pop video; 10.43 The job market; 11.05 A Game of Soldiers; 11.22 James Heriot story; 11.39 Exploring Snowdonia.

12.00 We'll Tell you a Story: with Christopher Lillicrap (r); **12.10 Rainbow:** repeated at 4.00; **12.30 Positive Thinking:** Examination of some of the alternatives to prison sentences. Today: reparation and community service. With Elaine Grand.

1.00 News; 1.20 Thames area news; 1.30 About Britain: The Shepherds of the College Valley: a film about the sheep that swarm across the northern side of the Cheviots.

2.00 Racing from Newmarket: The Houghton Meeting. We see the 2.15, the 2.45 (William Hill Dewhurst Stakes) and the 3.15.

3.30 Blockbusters: Quiz game show for teenagers; **4.00 Children's ITV: Rainbow** (r); **4.20 Dangermouse:** Episode 5 of The Day of the Suds (r); **4.25 Sooty:** the bear in a new series. With Bonnie Langford; **4.50 The Dinosaur Trail:** John Noakes and the long-gone monsters; **5.15 The Young Doctors:** Australian hospital serial. **5.45 News.**

6.00 The 6 o'Clock Show: news and feature show that prefers a grin to a frown. With Michael Aspel very professionally in charge.

7.00 Family Fortunes: quiz show, compered by Max Bygraves. The Howes from Havant take on the Hornbys from Tamworth, Staffs.

7.30 The A-Team: The soldiers of fortune strike a bargain with the army – freedom from arrest in return for the rescue of a general and his daughter.

8.30 The Bounder: comedy series with Peter Bowles and George Cole as the worlds-apart brothers-in-law.

9.00 The Outsider: Episode three of Michael J. Bird's drama serial, set in a Yorkshire market town where scandal has bubbled to the surface. Frank Scully (John Duttine) causes an uproar in the town with the publication of his newspaper's first "Chronicler" article. It is to have a particularly dramatic effect on the lives of a local farmer and his wife.

10.00 News from ITN.

10.30 The Making of Modern London: Riots and Reform. The war on crime – and on appalling sewage problems. Tonight's film describes how the Metropolitan Police was formed in 1829, and how the Metropolitan Board of Works came into being.

11.00 Continental Movie: Courage, Fuyons (1979) Comedy about a put-upon husband (Jean Rochefort) whose life is totally transformed when he is caught up in a street riot. For one thing, he embarks on a series of surprising romantic adventures. With Catherine Deneuve. Directed by Yves Robert.

12.45 Rawhide: old western. With Clint Eastwood (r). Followed by Night Thoughts.

Don McCullin appears in Photo-Assignment (BBC 2, 7.45pm)

● And so **PHOTO-ASSIGNMENT** (BBC 2, 7.45), with its late-night addendum (11.40pm) comes to an end with the final heat in this contest in which first-timers with a camera have competed against old-timers. If you think the balance has been unfairly weighted in favour of the professionals, then all I can say is that you have not been concentrating on the previous heats earlier this week. Whether the eventual outcome – the finals are to be transmitted, live, on Saturday, October 22 – will reveal that David has actually overcome Goliath, remains to be seen. It was an excellent idea to include, every night, a celebrated photographer tackling an unusual assignment. Glimpses of clay feet on idols, not to mention Achilles heels, were sometimes to be seen. Tonight, Don McCullin, war photographer extraordinary, covers the high-season invasion of Whitby and Scarborough.

CHOICE

● On only a couple of occasions have Channel 4's films in the What the Censor Saw spot lived up to the lip-smacking implications on the label. **NO ORCHIDS FOR MISS BLANDISH** (11.45pm), a totally undistinguished film in every other respect, is notable because the normally rational members of the British Board of Film Censors seemed to have gone off their rockers in 1948 by giving it an A certificate when everybody who had managed to get their hands on a copy of James Hadley Chase's notorious gangster yarn knew there was violence in it, and sex, and that there were some very perverse elements in the make-up of its abducted heroine. In the event, some local authorities banned the film; others let it be shown. It is interesting to speculate how those same critics who condemned the film as having "all the morals of an alley-cat" and "all the sweetness of a sewer" would have reacted to Robert Aldrich's 1971 re-make, *The Grissom Gang*. Here was a film that was unfair to both alley-cats and sewers.

● **CHURCHILL'S BACKBENCH WAR** (Radio 3, 8.05pm), Dr Sheila Lawlor's talk, is a corrective to the popular view, born out of sentimentality mixed with gratitude, that Winston, the bulldog saviour of the nation, was unchallenged as war leader. Three times, Dr Lawlor recalls, Churchill was prepared to suppress the military case in favour of the political – over aid to the Middle East, to Greece, and finally to the Soviet Union. As PM, he could not count on his cabinet and, as Tory leader, could not be sure of the loyalty of his back-bench. Churchill, Dr Lawlor insists, was not a general, but a politician – even if the politics were those about the conduct of war.

BBC 2

9.08 Daytime on Two (until 3.00). The line up is: Chemical technology; 9.35 Tout Compris; 9.52 Part 4 of Dark Towers; 10.15 Mathscore One; 11.00 The Godly Community; 11.22 Read on; 11.44 Going to Work; 12.05 Computer Programme: series 1; 12.30 Business Club: series 2; 12.55 Speak for Yourself.

1.21 Encounter: Spain; 1.38 Around Scotland (Clyde coast); **2.01** Part 2 of Willy Russell's play Lies; **2.30** Brian Moore, the writer; **3.00** Closedown.

5.40 The Friday Western: Horizons West (1952). Post-Civil War drama with Robert Ryan and Rock Hudson as the two brothers who end up on different sides of the law. One becomes a cattle rustler, the other becomes a town marshall. Co-starring Julia Adams, John McIntire and Raymond Burr. Directed by a maker of goodish westerns, Bud Boetticher.

7.00 Tex Avery Double Bill: the cartoons Red Riding Hood, and Who Killed Who?

7.15 Jack High: The final of the Kodak Masters Bowls Tournament at Beach House Park in Worthing. Commentators: David Vine and David Rhys Jones.

7.45 Photo-Assignment: War photographer Don McCullin turns his cameras on Scarborough and Whitby at the height of the summer season; Dave Lee Travis has trouble at the lab; and the judges make their next selection of prints for the final later this month (see also 11.40pm). (See Choice.)

8.35 Gardeners' World: Lifting and storing perennials, and how to move overcrowded conifers and shrubs. Also labour-saving ideas for spade work. With Geoff Hamilton, Anne Mayo and Graham Rose.

9.00 Buñuel Film Season: The Phantom of Liberty (1974). Wholly anarchic comedy, with Buñuel scoring bullseyes on targets such as the police, religion, doctors, politicians and sex. Co-starring Jean-Claude Brialy and Monica Vitti, with Michel Piccoli and Adolfo (The Borgias) Celli in support.

10.40 Newsnight: includes highlights from the final session of the Conservative Party Conference which culminated in Mrs Thatcher's speech.

11.40 Photo-Assignment Extra: The final programme in BBC 2's special photography week sees Dave Lee Travis inspecting the shortlisted amateur and professional prints, and looking ahead to the final which will be transmitted, live, on BBC on October 22. Ends at 12.00.

CHANNEL 4

9.28 Conservative Party Conference '83: The final day at Blackpool. A debate on the EEC. Live coverage ends at 12.00 and re-opens at 2.25.

2.25 Conservative Party Conference: The final session. Includes the closing address by Margaret Thatcher. Coverage ends at 3.25pm.

4.50 The Munsters: In a bid to deter Eddie from gambling, Herman puts money on what looks like the most hopeless outsiders on the track. But they all win.

5.20 Film: Laurel and Hardy's Laughing Twenties: (1965*). A Robert Youngson compilation of sequences from many of Stanley's and Oliver's early shorts, including Putting Pants on Philip, From Soup to Nuts, Leave 'Em Laughing, and You're Darn Tootin'. Plus excerpts from the early short comedies starring Charlie Chase and Max Davidson.

7.00 Channel Four News. And weather prospects for the weekend.

7.30 The Friday Alternative: A sidelight on the Conservatives' conference: is the party going fast enough on privatization? Plus three journalists' conclusions about the shooting down of the Korean airliner.

8.00 The Amateur Naturalist: Despite the terrible heat, creatures manage to survive in the Sonora Desert of Arizona. Gerald Durrell and his wife Lee visit it to find out how they do it; and how to catch snakes safely.

8.30 A Week in Politics: Lord Bruce-Gardyne and three Tory MPs discuss the question: How is the Government going to control public spending?

9.15 Ladybirds – Jane Birkin. The Parisian world of the singer and sometime actress who has lost no opportunity to make capital out of her slender sexuality.

10.15 The Paul Hogan Show: The Australian comedian as a golfer and a juror. Plus sketches based on TV cookery programmes and quizzes.

10.45 Follow the Nation's Health: Birth at home and at hospital provided the subject matter for much of last night's play in G. F. Newman's biting series about the NHS and its victims. In the studio tonight, Joan Shenton and a panel of experts discuss some of the issues raised last night.

11.45 What the Censor Saw: No Orchids for Miss Blandish (1948*). Notorious British-made thriller about an heiress who falls for one of the gangsters who kidnap her. A minor movie, in every respect. Starring Linden Travers and Jack La Rue. Directed by St John L. Clowes. Ends at 1.40. (See Choice.)

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55, 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Your Letters.
8.43 "Work Suspended" by Evelyn Waugh (5). Read by Hugh Burden. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Desert Island Discs. Actress and author, Mollie Harris.†
9.45 Smith in the Sun. Phil Smith takes to the summer playground to inspect his fellow pleasure seekers.
10.00 News; International Assignment.
10.30 Morning Story: "Decisions" by Lisa Taylor. Read by Mary Wimbush.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; The Saint of Auschwitz. Peter Firth explores the life and death of Maksymilian Kolbe. With the most Rev Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury; and Geoffrey Paul, editor, *Jewish Chronicle*.
11.48 Natural Selection (The Flamboyant Tree).
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs.
12.27 Top of the Form. A general knowledge contest. (r). 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Women's Hour from Northern Ireland. The guest is Inez McCormack, Regional Organiser of Nupe.
3.00 News; Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell, in 9 parts (8).†
4.00 News; Just After Four. With Ashis Ray, chief of bureau, Ananda Bazaar Group of India.
4.10 Enjoying Opera. The second of six programmes looking at the world of opera – "Voices Over". With Monty Haltrecht, Lord Harewood, and Robert Lloyd.
4.40 Story Time: "December Flower" by Judy Allen (5).
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Going Places. Travel and transport.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick of the Week. Programme highlights with Margaret Howard.†
8.10 Profile. A personal portrait.
8.30 Any Questions? from Mansfield, Notts. With Shirley Williams, Arthur Scargill, Jonathan Porritt and Clive Thornton.
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts Magazine. Includes a review of Channel 4's Flashback series. 9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: News.
10.35 Week Ending. A satirical review of the week's news.†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: "The Heat of the Day" by Elizabeth Bowen (10). Read by Elizabeth Spriggs.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 The Seven Deadly Virtues. Terence Blacker on Fidelity.
11.45 Two One-and-Nines, Please. Classic film musicals ("Half a Sixpence").
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.

ENGLAND VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools. 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 pm (continued). 11.00-12.00 Study On 4. 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: 12.30 Voix de France (9 & 10).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one Haydn (Nocturne No 1 in C), Vivaldi (Cello Conc in B minor, RV 424 – Tortelier), Boyce (Symph No 7), Faure (Ballade for piano and orch – Jean Hubeau).†
8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Bridge (Phantasie in F minor), Zelenka (Sonata No 5), Bruckner (Gradual: os justi meditabitur) and Nielsen (Little Suite Op 1).†
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Franz Liszt. Alfred Brendel plays the St Francis of Assisi and St Francis of Paola legends and we hear the Missa Choralis, with Choir of St John's College, Cambridge.†
10.00 The White Rainbow: Musical versions of Goethe poems, with Elizabeth Gale (soprano), Helmut [illegible] (tenor) and Martin Isepp [illegible]. With music by Wolf [illegible] Mendelssohn, Schu[illegible]
10.45 Ulste[illegible] tra. Berlioz (over[illegible] Lear), William Mathias [illegible] and Moeran (Serenade in G).†
11.30 Violin and Piano: recital by Isabelle Flory (violin) and Jacques Delannoy. They play Lekeu's Sonata in G, Franck's Andantino quietoso and Fauré's Romance.†
12.20 Three Prophets: Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra, with Walte Gronroos (baritone) in performances of Liszt's St Francis of Assisi and St Francis of Paola legends (see also 9.05 am entry) and the Cantico del Sol (text by the saint). Part one.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.
1.20 Three Prophets: part two. Strauss (Also sprach Zarathustra).†
2.00 British Piano Music: Ireland (Sonatina), Albright (Sonata No 1) and Kenneth Leighton (Six Studies – study variations). Played by Richard Markham.†
2.45 Egk and Martinu: Performances of Egk's Violin music with Orchestra (Wanda Wilkomirska, violin) and Martinu's Frescoes of Piero della Francesca.†
3.30 Sonatas in Three Parts L'École d'Orphée in works by Henry Purcell, Matthew Locke and Arcangelo Corelli.†
4.00 Choral Evensong: from St Thomas's Church, Fifth Avenue, New York. The organist and Master of the Choristers is Gerre Hancock.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Another of David Hoult's selections. Including works by Dvorak (the "American" quartet Op 96) and Rachmaninov (Corelli variations Op 42).†
6.30 Music for Guitar: recital by Carlos Barbosa-Lima. Works by Scarlatti, Barbosa-Lima himself, Leonardo Balada, and Ginastera.†
7.00 Christopher Headington: the Delmé String Quartet play the String Quartet No 3.
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra: Gunther Herbig conducts the orchestra in a Royal Festival Hall concert. Part one: Webern (Six Pieces for Orchestra, Op 6) and Strauss (Four last Songs). With Sheila Armstrong, soprano.
8.05 Churchill's Backbench War: Dr Sheila Lawlor of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, questions the popular view that Churchill was the unchallenged wartime leader of Britain. She also questions the propriety of some of his military decisions.
8.25 Concert: part two. Beethoven's Symph No 3.†
9.20 Third Opinion: A discussion involving Peter Oppenheimer, the economist, and Sir Donald Maitland, and others.
10.15 Clarinet and String Quartet: The Amphion String Quartet, with Anton Weinberg, clarinet, play Seiber's Divertimento for clarinet and string quartet; and Reger's Clarinet Quintet Op146.†
11.15 News, until 11.18. VHF ONLY: Open University. 11.40pm-12.00 Organic Chemistry.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00 pm and 9.00) Major Bulletins 7.00 am, 8.00, 1.00 pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 (mf/mw). 5.00am Paul Burnett† 7.30 Ray Moore† 10.00 John Hosken† 12.00pm Music While You Work† 12.30 Gloria Hunniford† including 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.30 Ed Stewart† including Racing from Newmarket: 2.45 William Hill Dewhurst Stakes 3.02 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton† including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night direct from The Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stroud. With the BBC Concert Orchestra, and singers Marilyn Hill-Smith and Geoffrey Chard, and Stanley Black at the piano with his quintet. Includes music from the films E.T. and An Officer and a Gentleman, and My Fair Lady† 9.30 The King's Singers (new series)† 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Night Owls with Dave Gelly†. 2.00-5.00 Bill Rennells presents You and the Night and the Music†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and then at 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00 am Gary Davis. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Gary Davies. 4.30 Peter Powell's Select-a-disc. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 9.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show†. VHF Radios 1 and 2. 5.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

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6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Breakthrough. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Clinging to the Wreckage. 8.30 Modern English Poetry. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Album Time. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 10.30 Business Matters. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In the Meantime. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 Radio Theatre. 2.15 Letterbox. 2.30 John Peel. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four hours. 8.30 Emma. 9.00 Network UK. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Clinging to the Wreckage. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From the Weeklies. 11.30 Jane Austen. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Sarah and Company. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Classical Record Review. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 A Mozart Pilgrimage. 3.50 Recording of the Week. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Kings of Jazz. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC1 Wales 12.57-1.00pm News. 3.53-3.55 News. 6.05-6.30 Wales Today. 10.15-10.30 Sport Folio. 10.30-11.20 Week In Week Out. 11.20-11.21 News. 11.21-1.35am Film: PT 109 (1963) (Cliff Robertson). Scotland 12.55-1.00pm News. 6.05-6.15 News. 6.15-6.30 Mod '83 (today's events at the Civic Centre, Motherwell). 9.25-9.55 Double Bill. 9.55-10.45 Gaelic Mod Highlights. 10.45-10.50 News. Northern Ireland 12.57-1.00pm News. 3.53-3.55 News. 6.05-6.30 Scene Around Six. 10.15-10.45 Spotlight. 10.45-10.50 News. 12.30am News. England 6.05-6.30pm Regional News Magazines. 10.15-10.45 East – Weekend. Midlands – Straight Talk (Sally Oppenheim, MP). North – One Plus One (Fanny Waterman). North East – The Allotment Show (Ovingham in Northumberland). North West – Lynda Lee's People (Peter Stringfellow). South – The Cellar Show (The Cliffhanger Theatre Company from Brighton, Pookiesnackenburger, Douglas Byng). South West – As Fit As Your Car. West – Update.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 10.30 Members Only. 11.00 Film: Night Cries (William Conrad). 12.45am Rock for Jesus, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 So What's Your Problem.? 10.30 Press Call. 11.00 Film: Carry On Matron. 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.05am-11.20 About Wales. 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 On the Fringe.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit On The Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 That's Hollywood. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30-7.00 Friday Sportshow. 7.30 Film: Suddenly Last Summer (Elizabeth Taylor). 12.35am Company, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead. 10.35 Benson. 11.00 Film: If It's a Man . . . Hang Up. 12.26am Postscript, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-7.00 Calendar and Sport. 10.30 Newhart. 11.00 Film: Murder in Mind. 12.20am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 Granada reports. 3.30-4.00 Young doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Son and Daughters. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 10.30 Newhart. 11.00 Film: Kill (Jean Seberg). 12.55am Living Legends of Jazz. 1.35 Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Follow That. 10.30 Friday Live. 12.00 News, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN as London except: 9.25am-9.30 First Thing. 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Benson. 6.00-7.00 North Tonight. 10.30 Film: Wages of Fear (Roy Scheider). 12.10am News, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the side. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Sports Extra. 6.45-7.00 Hear Hear.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.20 What's on where. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 10.35 Benson. 11.00 Film: If it's a Man, Hang Up. 12.20am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20 News. 1.30 Hear, Hear. 1.45 Film: Madame X (Lana Turner). 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-7.00 Central News Friday Show. 10.30 Hill Street Blues. 11.30 News. 11.35 Film: Deadly Affair (James Mason). 1.40am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News and Lookaround. 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00 News. 6.02 Sporting Chance. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 10.32 Ffrd Live. 12.00 Making a Living. 12.30am Three's Company, Closedown.

ULSTER as London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Paint along with Nancy. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Good evening, Ulster. 6.45-7.00 Advice. 10.30 Witness. 10.35 Sportscast. 11.05 Film: All the Kind Strangers. 12.25am News, Closedown.

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Detective 'only to identify' Waldorf

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On the day of the shooting, Mr Ness and his officers were following Mr Waldorf's car, hoping that Miss Susie Stephens would lead him to the fugitive. Officers began to think Mr Waldorf might be their man.

He needed to know if Martin was in the car and "the only way to do that positively was for someone who knew him to go and look and tell me". Mr Waldorf's car was stuck in the jam and it seemed a good point to make the identification.

Constable Finch went forward. The court was told that the previous September the detective had arrested Mr Martin in a struggle during which the criminal, disguised as a women, produced two guns and fought on despite being wounded.

Asked what Constable Finch should have done at the car if he believed that someone was armed and he had given a warning, Mr Ness said: "He should have told them to stay where they were, not to move, not to do anything. That is what you would expect him to do. Make it clear he was a policeman ... and tell them what to do."

Asked if it was difficult for an officer to restrain a man hanging out of a car face down on the road, Mr Ness said he thought it was not. He was asked to comment on allegations that Constable Finch had pistol-whipped Mr Waldorf as he lay wounded and how a man should be restrained. He replied that the police were trained to "incapacitate and hold a man with the minimum amount of force".

Under cross-examination by Mr Michael Corkery QC, for Constable Finch, Mr Ness agreed that but for the bravery of Constable Finch and other officers during Mr Martin's arrest last year, policemen might have been killed. Constable Finch's actions had been meritorious. During that arrest, Constable Finch struck Martin across the face with his gun thinking that the man, though wounded, was still trying to reach a weapon.

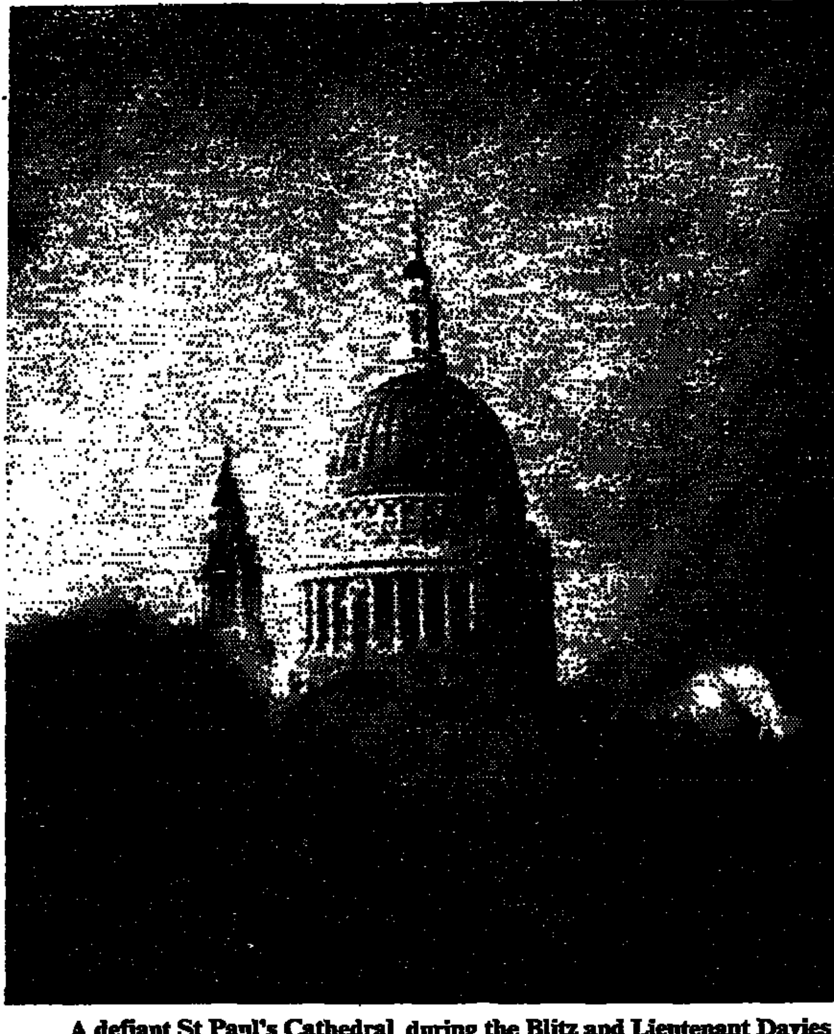
Mr Corkery read out the instructions for dealing with someone in a car and asked Mr Ness; "If one were dealing with Martin and he was armed, any police officer starting on that rigmarole might be dead before he got half way?"

Mr Ness replied that it was certainly a possibility.

The case continues today.

Trial report, page 3

Hero who saved St Paul's in the Blitz





A defiant St Paul's Cathedral during the Blitz and Lieutenant Davies tackling a 1,200 lb bomb in the grounds of the German hospital, London.

Medal sold for record £16,000

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The George Cross awarded to the hero who saved St Paul's Cathedral from destruction in September, 1940, was sold yesterday for £16,000. The previous record for the medal was £2,900.

The medal was awarded to Lieutenant Robert Davies, of the Royal Engineers, who led the team that tackled a one-ton unexploded bomb that lodged 27ft below the surface of Dean's Yard during the Blitz.

Their work was made even more perilous by a fire and a broken gas main, whose fumes overcame several of his engineers.

After the 8ft-long bomb had been lifted out by two cranes, and loaded on a lorry, Lieutenant Davies drove it to Hackney Marshes and exploded the device.

The medal was bought at Sotheby's yesterday by Spink, the London dealers.



Lieutenant Robert Davies and his George Cross.

The Imperial War Museum was the underbidder, but could not match Spink's bidding power. Spink said it had bought the medal for stock.

The firm did not wish it to leave the country and hoped it might go somewhere suitable, such as St Paul's, the Mansion House or the London Museum.

The other highlight of the sale was a Victoria Cross group of medals awarded to Rear-Admiral E. B. S. Bingham for his gallantry at the battle of Jutland in 1916. It was bought by Spink for Bangor Museum in Northern Ireland.

Bingham was born at Bangor Castle, which is now the local authority museum. His family contributed to the purchase, which cost the North Down Borough Council £18,000.

The sale totalled £129,807, with 5 per cent unsold.

Reed to sell Mirror newspapers group

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newspaper on which they feel they can rely to carry their views to the mass of British voters, will continue to speak with a left-wing voice.

Mr Peter Archer, for Warley West, and Labour spokesman on trade, said last night: "It would be a very bad thing for British journalism if virtually the only paper which stated a different point of view from the rest of Fleet Street were to be in danger of losing that stance".

Sir Alex denied that the share flotation indicated any disenchantment with Fleet Street. He maintained that the move was a commercial decision that represented the best avenue for both Reed and MGN.

The sale was, he said, "a straightforward business decision". The MGN flotation is likely to produce up to £100m for Reed.

It was unclear whether the Reed management regarded the coming flotation of Reuters, the news agency and financial communications group, as an inportant factor in its decision to sell the Mirror Group. Sir Alex said the share sale had been under consideration for a year.

MGN has 7.8 per cent of Reuters and Reed, through its provincial newspapers, 1 per cent. Reed intends to retain its Reuters interest.

Reuters is also expected to arrive on the Stock Exchange in the first half of next year. Its flotation could, it is believed, put a value of up to £1,500m on the business.

Yesterday Reuters announced that a board meeting scheduled for this week to consider its own share sale has been postponed to November 9. The delay was because of the need for "more time to consider the documentation now available".

The Mirror Group's assets are put at £34m. Reed has apparently opted for a share sale, with existing Reed shareholders and MGN employees getting preferential rights,

Mirror's future, page 2

Frank Johnson at Blackpool

Race, sex and packed house for Parkinson

A vivid day. But first a note about the new technology.

In some editions yesterday, most painfully the one that reached Blackpool, one of my phrases in the fifth paragraph came out three times. Being someone brought up in the old technology of newspaper production, I am not familiar with the technical term for such an occurrence, but presumably some needle got stuck in some groove.

The incident will strengthen the view of some critics that I have begun to repeat myself, and indeed never had a particularly wide repertoire in the first place. To them, I swear that the phrase was only meant to come out once. My thanks, however, to the several people who approached me yesterday to say that the best bit by far in my piece that morning was where I said the same thing three times.

Assuming that all the above has only come out once, I now turn to yesterday's conference proceedings.

The agriculture debate, which was closed by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Michael Jopling, drew a small attendance. But for the Trade and Industry debate, which was closed by the Secretary for Trade and Industry, Mr Cecil Parkinson, every seat was taken, every foot of standing room full. It was a particularly graphic illustration of the way in which the party has changed in recent decades – reflecting, as it did, the decline of the landed interest and the rise of the sex interest.

Mr Parkinson was under no illusion that the vast crowd had come to hear a good, solid speech about trade and industry. Wisely, he delivered them one just the same.

Ranks of Conservatives stared fixedly at him as he pressed on about such subjects as industrial output, not one of them taking in a word of what he was saying.

"I am here as Secretary of State for Industry," he began. What must for him have been the most dreaded public appearance of his life was now under way. There could be no cancellation now. Whatever his sins or vacillations, the heart went out to him.

Then he thanked the people with whom he had worked as chairman. "My wife Ann joins me in those thanks and I add my thanks to her", he said. Mrs Parkinson was there on the platform looking towards him. There was polite applause.

There was now a tension in the hall, not least on the platform where sat, among others, the Prime Minister, a figure to whom he owed the fame which, in this past week, he may for the first time have regretted.

But the greatest problem of the speech – how to begin it – had been surmounted. Both he, and those of us who wished him well, could begin to relax. Before long one could treat it like a ministerial conference speech not much different from any other.

As tradition dictates at conferences, the head of the ministry began to thank his departmental ministers. Soon, like any other minister at a Tory conference, he found himself saying things that were faintly ridiculous. "Ken Baker, the world's only Minister for Information Technology", he intoned, as if Mr Baker were the product itself rather than the man who was supposed to sell it. Thus was conjured up the pleasing conceit that Britain now led the world in building ministers for information technology, that soon we would be turning out whirring, computerized Ken Bakers, some programmed for the Japanese market.

One last ordeal remained. A Tory conference audience is capable of almost any crassness. Would it subject him to the final embarrassment: a standing ovation? He loved a standing ovation as much as the next politician, but not for adultery. Mercifully, the ovation was seated.

Elsewhere, Mr Tebbit, for a superb speech responding to the industrial relations debate, got a standing ovation of one minute 55 seconds, 45 seconds longer than Mr Heseltine the previous day, according to a man who keeps records.

Finally, there was a debate on immigration which the liberal-minded leadership won easily by the cunning tactic of ensuring that their critics were led by the illiberal minded Mr Harvey Proctor. An Indian speaker shouted that he was British. A lone extremist in the hall shouted that he was not. The conference, perhaps much to the irritation of liberals, who want their Conservative Party to be disgraceful on these matters, agreed with the Indian. So there was something for everyone yesterday: Mr Tebbit, race, sex, trade and industry.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend the Royal British Legion "Poppy Ball" at the Intercontinental Hotel, 8.15.

New exhibitions

Dutch landscapes at the Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 4.30 and Sun 2.30 to 5.30 (ends Dec 3).

Music

Concert by the Greater Manchester Police Band, the Cathedral Voluntary Choir and Altrincham Choral Society, Manchester Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by Amphion String Quartet, the Tithebarn, Melling, Liverpool, 8.

Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra, Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 7.30.

Hemel Hempstead Arts Trust Festival of Music: Concert by the Philomusica of London, the Pavilion, Hemel Hempstead, 7.45.

Concert by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea, 7.45.

Concert by the Nordeutscher Rundfunk Orchestra with Christian Zacharcas (piano), Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square, Nottingham, 7.30.

Concert by the Bath Chamber Orchestra, St. Bartholomew's Church, King Edward Road, Oldfield Park, Bath, 7.30.

Spalding Festival of Music: Piano recital by Margaret Fingerhut, Gall Gate School, Moulton, Spalding, 8.

Concert by the Consort of Musicke, Lower College Hall, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, 8.

Concert by the Scottish Baroque Ensemble with Patrici Chiti (mezzo-soprano), Mitchell Hall, Broad Street, Aberdeen, 7.30.

Talks and Lectures

Railways to east and north of Bristol, by Maurice Dean, Bristol LMS Club, Midland Inn, Midland Road, St Philip's, Bristol, 8.

21 years of Scottish Opera by Neville Garden, Aberdeen Arts Centre, 33 King Street, Aberdeen, 7.45.

Last chance to see

"A View of Egypt": drawings and sketches of Egypt in the 1930s by Myrtle Broome, University of Durham. School of Oriental Studies, Elvet Hill, Durham; Mon to Fri 9.30-1, & 2.15-5, Sat 9.30-12, closed Sun (ends today).

Langland Bay, Caswell Bay, Three Cliffs Bay: a photographic representation at the Arts South Exhibition Gallery, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park; 9am-5pm Mon to Sat (ends today).

Confetti War: a travelling exhibition on the history of aerial propoganda (arranged by the Imperial War Museum), the Art Gallery, Municipal Offices, Falmouth, Cornwall; Mon to Fri 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.30 (ends today).

General

Arts and Crafts exhibition by Edna Sangster, The Cottage, Westhorpe Road, Gosberton, Lincolnshire, 2 to 6.

Hastings Day: Hastings Castle, open 10 to 12.15, and 1.30 to 5. Childrens' party, Hastings Holiday Centre, Hastings.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,260

ACROSS

1 Skipped along dressed like Ridinghood? (7).
5 Packed suit into last stage (7).
9 Criticism of wrecked cruiser – that's heartless (9).
10 Simple – e's in the soup, perhaps (5).
11 Revitalized part is title role (5).
12 Waste time with a case, foolishly (9).
14 Argentine pirate? Give full name (4,4,6).
17 Like French speeches around many Oxford festivals (14).
21 HMS Siva? (9).
23 One or two notes produced in the throat (5).
24 Intends to take no extreme measures (5).
25 Public excitement? One isn't as funny as all that (9).
26 Church more appropriate for this assembly (7).
27 America's turn to make payment – or fail thus to do so? (7).

DOWN

1 "When the —'s finished jumping on his mother" (Gilbert) (6).
2 Colonnade and gateway I take care of (7).
3 Figure in recipe halved to produce confusion (9).
4 Meet your don to rewrite book (11).
5 Direction followed by the old seer (3).
6 Many a month – well, not quite – in the island (5).
7 Russian town girl with empty box? (7).
8 They help in more than one sort of theatre (8).
13 Cancel calls about article giving elder's age (6,5).
15 Fish product – subject to conditions arising on vessel (9).
16 A rebel prophet, briefly meeting scholar (8).
18 Cosmetic many found as dear in Italy (7).
19 It would be odd if it was never in neurologist's prescription (7).
20 Spare journalist was so inclined (6).
22 Soldier's radio – correct type? (5).
25 One gets this first in order to rise (3).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,259

Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow

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Anniversaries

Births: James II (reigned 1685-88), London, 1633; William Penn, Quaker, founder of Pennsylvania, London, 1644; Eamon de Valera, President of the Republic of Ireland 1959-73, New York, 1882; Katherine Mansfield, short story writer, Wellington, New Zealand, 1888; Dwight Eisenhower, 34th President (1953-61) of the USA, Denison, Texas, 1890; E. E. Cummings, poet, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1894. John Philpot Curran, lawyer and statesman, notable for his oratory in defence of Irish patriots charged with treason, like Wolfe Tone and Lord Edward Fitzgerald; died in London, 1817. Battle of Hastings 1066. First supersonic flight (Mach 1.015) in a Bell XS-1 rocket aircraft over Edwards Air Base, California, 1947.

COMPUTER COMPETITION
WEEK FIVE DAY 4

Top films

Top box office films in London:
1 Zelig
2 WarGames
3 Staying Alive
4 Breathless
5 Octopussy
6 Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence
7 Betrayal
8 Psycho II
9 We of the Never Never
10 Danton

The top five in the provinces:
1 Staying Alive
2 Porky's II: The Next Day
3 Blue Thunder
4 Educating Rita
5 WarGames

Compiled by Screen International

Food prices

As autumn advances, meat prices are starting to show signs of the usual seasonal rise. Beef roasting joints so far are little changed, with topside, silverside and thick flank all ranging from £1.90 to £2.32, but stewing cuts and mince are more expensive than last week in some shops. Lamb ranges from 70p to £1.05 for whole shoulder and from £1.25 to £1.60 for whole legs. Good buys include pork chops at Tesco for £1.26 a pound, and New Zealand lamb loin chops reduced in Sainsburys to about 98p a pound. Oven ready chickens in both Tesco and Dewhurst are 59p a pound.

Fish prices are all up this week by between 1p and 7p a pound. But herring and mackerel are still super buys at around 68p and 46p a pound respectively.

Although some winter vegetables are slightly cheaper this week, prices remain generally high because of a poor crop and tight supplies. White and red cabbages are as much as 30p a pound, as are Brussels sprouts. Cauliflowers are 35-45p each, courgettes 28-45p a pound, calabrese 50-60p a pound and green peppers 45-65p a pound. Potatoes are still steady in price at 12p to 16p a pound, but quality is variable and should be carefully checked. For salads, English celery at 25p to 35p a head is excellent quality and value; so, too, are Chinese leaves at 20p a pound or even less.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.71	1.63
Austria Sch	28.60	27.00
Belgium Fr	83.50	79.50
Canada $	1.91	1.84
Denmark Kr	14.66	13.96
Finland Mkk	8.81	8.41
France Fr	12.30	11.80
Germany DM	4.04	3.83
Greece Dr	149.00	141.00
Hongkong $	12.75	12.15
Ireland Pt	1.30	1.25
Italy Lira	2450.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	365.00	347.00
Netherlands Gld	4.56	4.33
Norway Kr	11.41	10.84
Portugal Esc	193.00	182.00
South Africa Rd	1.83	1.70
Spain Pta	230.00	222.00
Sweden Kr	12.14	11.57
Switzerland Fr	3.30	3.13
USA $	1.54	1.49
Yugoslavia Dnr	195.00	184.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 338.0.

London: The FT Index closed 6.1 down at 686.0.

Roads

London and South-east: A3: Borough High Street, roadworks affecting London Bridge traffic. A25: Temporary lights at Seal, Kent. A320: Temporary lights at all times in Guildford Road, Mayford, Surrey.

Midlands: M1: Contraflow between junctions 15 to 16 near Northampton; Rothersthorpe Services closed. M6: All traffic sharing one side of motorway between junction 10 (Walsall) and junction 11 (Cannock); delays. A446: Single-lane traffic with temporary lights at Jack O'Watton Bridge, Coleshill, Warwickshire.

Wales and West: M4: All traffic sharing one carriageway between junction 20 (Almondsbury) and 21 (Severn Bridge); long delays both directions. M4: Nearside lanes closed in both directions between junctions 32 and 34 (Cardiff and Rhondda). M5: Lane closures in both directions between junctions 19 and 18, Avon Ridge.

North: Extra traffic in Blackpool for illuminations and conference; also along M55 and A583. A1: Two-way traffic on one carriageway between Fairburn and Micklefield, West Yorkshire. Queensway Tunnel, Liverpool, closed nightly. All traffic being diverted via Liverpool Wallasey Tunnel, 9.15pm-5.45am. A523: Diversion north of Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Scotland: A8: Temporary signals in Inchinnan Road, Renfrew. A90: Contraflow on northbound carriageway, Forth Road Bridge; only one lane off peak, allow extra time. A98: Single-lane traffic at Tynet Bridge, Morayshire, 3 miles east of Fochabers.

Information supplied by AA.

Nurse alert

As part of its "Nurse Alert", the Royal College of Nursing is appealing for written statements from nurses on the effects of the National Health Service cut-backs. A spokesman said: "The written evidence is needed very quickly to help the college continue its 'Nurse Alert' campaign by publicizing the ill-effects of this year's financial and manpower cuts". Evidence should be sent to the college at 20, Cavendish Square, London, W1M 0AB as soon as possible.

The papers

The New York Times says that President Reagan, responding to pre-election pressure from his country's car industry workers, is not likely to allow an adequate supply of Japanese models to reach American dealers in the near future. The most that can be expected is a modest increase in Japan's current import quota, allowing its car workers to hold their own in a growing market. A two-year agreement on restricting imports was extended to a third year, giving Detroit a breathing space. "But it didn't come cheaply", the paper says. "The sturdy little no-frills cars that most appealed to consumers have virtually disappeared. In a sellers' market, manufacturers shifted to the high-markup luxury models. And most distressing, Detroit seems to have bought very little with our time and money."

Weather

A depression centered N of Scotland will continue to move away north eastwards.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, E, W Midlands: Dry at first but showers developing – some prolonged – and bright intervals; wind S or SW, moderate or fresh but light for a time; max temp 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

E, central N, NE England, Borders: Bright at first, showers developing; wind SW fresh; max temp 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S, N Wales: Showers, some heavy, merging to give a longer period of rain, bright intervals later; wind S becoming W light or moderate; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Showers, some heavy and prolonged, thunder in places, also some bright intervals in sheltered parts; wind SW to W fresh or strong with severe gales in exposed places; max temp 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Showers and sunny intervals; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Showers or longer periods of rain, some heavy perhaps thunder; wind SW to W, strong with severe gale in exposed places; max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Unsettled and windy at times with temperatures near or a little below normal.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, English Channel (E), Strait of Dover: Wind SW strong to gale decreasing moderate for a time veering W; sea very rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW strong to gale locally severe gale at first; sea very rough.

Sun rises: 7.22 am
Sun sets: 6.11 pm
Moon rises: 3.54 pm
Moon sets: 11.46 pm
Full Moon October 21.

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 6.41 pm to 6.53 am
Bristol 6.51 pm to 7.03 am
Edinburgh 6.46 pm to 7.13 am
Manchester 6.46 pm to 7.05 am
Penzance 7.04 pm to 7.13 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	12	54	Guernsey	r	13	55
Birmingham	r	11	52	Inverness	s	12	54
Blackpool	c	12	54	Jersey	r	14	57
Bristol	r	11	52	London	r	17	63
Cardiff	f	11	52	Manchester	c	11	52
Edinburgh	s	12	54	Newcastle	f	13	55
Glasgow	f	12	54	Ronaldsway	f	13	55

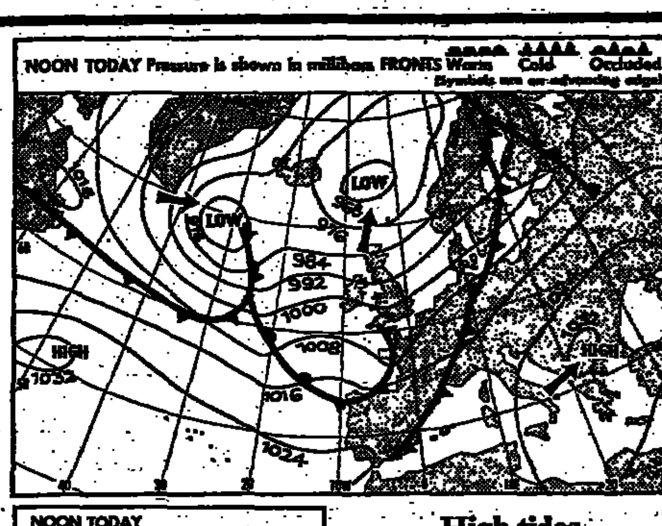
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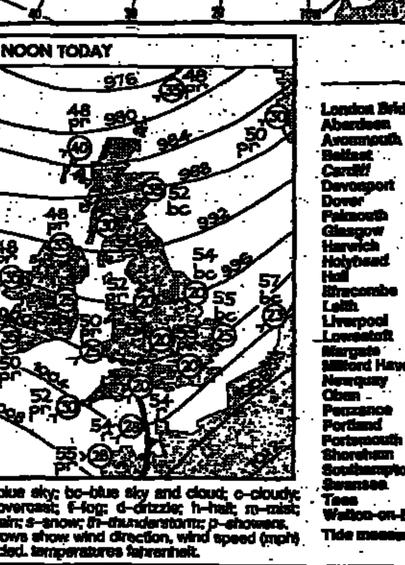
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Northolt, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Diabaig, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Diabaig, 0.83in; highest sunshine: Kinloss, 6.8hr.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14C (57F). Humidity: 6 pm, 88 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.34in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 1.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,001.6 millibars falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

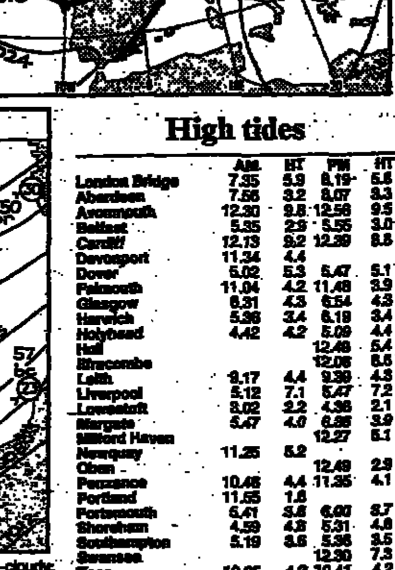
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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperature fahrenheit.

High tides



Around Britain

[illegible]

Abroad

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